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Administration seeks to address grade inflation

Discussion first step in dealing with issue

By Gabriel Meyer '96
News Editor

This article is the second of a two part series.

Grade inflation surfaced as an issue at Hamilton this year when President Eugene Tobin warned students and faculty members of its evils in his Convocation address three weeks ago. Most faculty and administrators recognize grade inflation as an issue that must be contended with, although many acknowledge that the problem here is no more serious than at many comparable academic institutions.

President Tobin recently stated, "My primary goal is to call to peoples' attention the issue. . . I would like to see students and faculty acknowledge that there can only be a certain number of A's in a course." Last year, three quarters of all final course grades at Hamilton fell in the A or B range.

Tobin stressed that academic rigor is ultimately the responsibility of both students and faculty. "I want Hamilton to have its own internal barometer of excellence," he said. "I have great faith in our faculty."

"Our main goal is to recruit more of the best students from across the country," Tobin added, saying that to attract these students, Hamilton must remain an academically rigorous institution. "I believe the work hard/play hard approach is conducive to an intellectually and socially attractive college," he said.

Associate Dean of Students for Academic Affairs James Bradfield said, "At any institution, the average grade ought to be satisfactory relative to the standards of the institution."

As Chairman of the Committee on Academic Standing, Bradfield will play a key role in the institution of any measures instituted to combat grade inflation. It is likely that some measures will be taken soon to address grade inflation, he said, pointing out that the recurrent discussion of the topic makes it more likely that something will be done. Nevertheless, the problem is long term, and cannot be dealt with in the short-run, he noted.

While the average grade at Hamilton is now in the B range, C's could again become average, he said, if there could be widespread acceptance of the notion that a C represents satisfactory performance. "Satisfactory need not mean mediocre."

"Students will rise to the challenge"

Bradfield predicted that as grading becomes tougher, "Most students will rise to the challenge." He commented that most Hamilton students could be pushed harder in their academic studies.

Student Assembly President McLloyd Onwubere '95 agreed, saying, "I think professors could expect more from the students." However, he noted that many students do not feel the same way and say grade inflation is not a problem. The issue may be addressed in a future meeting of the Student Assembly, Onwubere said.

Bradfield emphasized the importance of perception and culture in pushing grades upward. Of faculty members new to Hamilton who must give grades for their first time, he said, "[They are] nurtured over time by statements and actions by people perceived to be the leaders." He pointed out that grading systems evolve by example. The grades given by senior faculty members may have considerable influence on the grading curves used by newer members.

Effects of student evaluations on grade inflation

One specific measure Bradfield suggested that might curb grade inflation is the reexamination of the influence student evaluations could have upon faculty members. These evaluations, which each student fills out at the conclusion of every course, might pressure some faculty members to shift their grading scale upward, he said.

Putting increased emphasis on recommendations written by peer faculty members evaluating each other, rather than those written by

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PHOTO BY TUCKER T. PIERSON '97

What's this on my windshield? Where is my car? Students have been assigned to park in designated parking lots under the new parking policy. Seen here is the Milbank/Babbitt parking lot.

Newly implemented parking policy met with mixed reactions from students

By Walter Addison March '95
News Staff Writer

Last year Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, Dean of Students Jan Coates, and members of the Student Assembly formulated a new parking policy. The members of the Hamilton community have now had three weeks to test this policy.

The change in this year's parking policy stems from two sources. Overcrowding in the "prime" locations such as Bundy, Dunham, Sigma Phi, Milbank and Babbitt parking lots and the problems that causes in finding parking spaces was the main student concern. Student vehicles blocking firelanes were a big concern in mind of Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls. This created a potential problem for emergency vehicles getting where they need to go.

In an attempt to fix these safety problems, all the parking spaces on campus were inventoried. Parking permit decals for each space in each of the eight student lots were printed. The permits were given out in a lottery system based on housing lottery numbers. According to the policy, students must park in the lots they are assigned or their vehicles may be ticketed or towed.

Most students say they do not have difficulties with the parking policy. As Lisa Crisman '95 explained, "I think that this policy is the best they can do with the resources they've got. What we really need is more parking." In addition, some students like the fact they are guaranteed a place to park. Other students have not noticed a change between last year and this one. A few students have run into a problem with vehicles parked in their lot that do not belong there. According to one of these students, "Anywhere I park [other than my assigned lot] would be illegal, so why don't I just park in front of my dorm where it is convenient and get ticketed instead of parking where its inconvenient and still getting ticketed?"

Ingalls and former Food and Parking Committee member, Mills Chapman '97, both stated the proper action in this situation is to park in Root Extension or the Fieldhouse parking lot and call Campus Safety. When calling, students should let the operator know their license plate number and the lot they are assigned to so that two things can happen. The license plate is given so the bumped student is not ticketed. The name of the student's assigned lot is given to security officers so any violators in that lot may be ticketed or towed.

Campus Safety has had to tow eight vehicles due to noncompliance with the policy this year. One of these was the car of an unregistered staff member. An unregistered student car has also been towed. The other towings were due to students parking in a lot other than their assignment.

Several students expressed displeasure with the change from being able to park anywhere on the North side of campus or anywhere on the South side of campus, to only being allowed to park in one lot. One stated the South side sticker was useful in that it allowed the vehicle owner to drive down to the Bundy complex from Root extension.

The multiple lot parking scheme also puts a strain on Campus Safety's personnel. According to Laura Engelhardt '95, "Student lots should be open to all students, regardless of where they live. Security should patrol and not have to be

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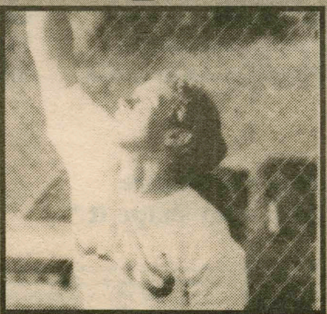

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Public universities face funding shortfall according to newly released AASCU report

Despite improved economic conditions in most states, legislators are consciously shifting the cost of higher education from appropriations to student tuitions. This news comes according to a recently released report by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

Universities face competition for state funds

AASCU officials reported that universities have not done well competing for state funds in recent years. For this reason, faculty and staff positions have been cut, tuitions and fees been increased, and more students have been denied access because of enrollment limitations.

"The deliberate choice of states to shift the financial burden of public higher education away from the states and onto the individual has exacerbated problems of affordability and access - the very concerns that have fueled criticism about accountability, faculty workload, and program duplication," said John Hammang, AASCU director of state and campus relations.

AASCU's annual *Report on the States* explained that, "public higher education has learned to live in a climate of decreasing support and has weathered a financial storm" since 1990 when the a two year recession began. Although burdened by shrinking state support, colleges and universities have streamlined and restructured their operations according to the report.

"Over a ten year period, state and local support for public higher education has fallen from 7.6 percent of state and local tax revenues to 6.2 percent," noted Hammang.

Grants fail to keep pace with tuition

AASCU's report showed that federal and state need-based grants have not kept up with college costs. The average cost of tuition increased 113 percent between 1980 and 1990, while aggregate state grants increased 92.1 percent and federal Pell grants increased by only 39.6 percent.

AASCU officials also reported that undergraduate tuitions and fees increased by an average 7.6 percent last year, from $2,352 to $2,531. Hamilton's tuition last year increased by 5%.

While the rate of tuition increase improved from 1992 when it was 10.9 percent, it still exceeded the nation inflation rate by a factor of more than three.

AASCU data showed than in the fall of 1993, the majority of states experienced average undergraduate tuition and fee increases of between four and seven percent, and thirteen states had double digit increases.

Last year, the number of course selections was reduced at 31 percent of reporting institutions. In addition, entire academic programs were cut or consolidated at 29 percent of the surveyed schools.

Instructional workloads were increased at 26 percent of the schools and 35 percent reported that their average class size had increased.(NSNS)

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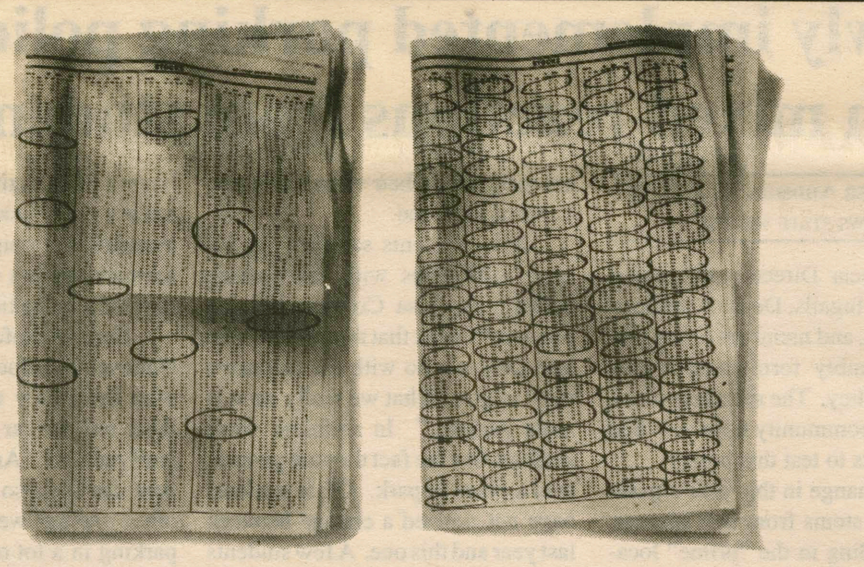

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News from other Ivory Towers

More women and minorities hired as college presidents

An annual survey of state college and university leaders has revealed an increase in the number of women and minorities who serve as presidents of their schools.

The survey, conducted by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), found that the number of women university presidents increased from 13.2 percent in 1992 to 15.3 percent in 1993.

Minority presidencies also increased in 1993. The number of black presidents jumped fro 8.9 percent to 11.6 percent; Hispanics increased from 2.7 to 3.1 percent; and Asians rose from 1.5 to 1.9 percent. (NSNS)

Fresno State football players reprimanded for food stamps

Several members of the Fresno State University Bulldogs football team recently received illegal food stamps by claiming to be homeless on food stamp application forms.

Reportedly team officials suspended one player and placed several others on probation in response to the incident. (NSNS)

College Democrats blast Radical Rights in weeks leading to election

Members of the National College Democrats have stepped up efforts "to expose the violent and corrupting forces of the Radical Right on college campuses and in communities across the country" in the weeks leading up to the November election.

College Democrats National President Jenny Ritter condemned the killing of Dr. John Britton and his bodyguard James Barrett at an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Florida on July 29. Anti-abortionist Paul J. Hill, a former minister, was arrested and charged with the brutal shotgun attack.

"College Democrats are going to work to enforce the laws of this land and in so doing, will protect a woman's right to choose. This double murder is a blatant example of the decision made by anti-choice leaders who refuse, time and time again, to control the violent extremists in their ranks," said Ritter, a student at Southern Methodist University. "The College Dems have pledged to expose those who hide beneath the name of the religion to promote their politics of fear and hatred." (NSNS)

Increasing number of schools do not require standard tests

A growing number of universities and colleges are allowing applicants to be admitted without taking the traditional Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) exams, according to a national survey by FairTest, a non-profit center for open testing.

"The huge increase in test-score-optional colleges shows that neither the SAT nor ACT is necessary to run an efficient admissions process," said Dr. Pamela Zappardino, executive director of FairTest.

The survey revealed that 191 schools have made the standardized tests optional this year, compared to just 112 schools in the 1988-1989 year.

"Many admissions officers have seen that the SAT/ACT Optional policies produce more and better-prepared applicants, as well as positive reactions from alumni, students, guidance counselors and the public," said Bob Schaeffer of FairTest.

Schools that no longer require the standardized tests include large public systems such as the California, Oregon, and Ohio state universities, as well as selective private colleges such as Bates and Bowdoin in Maine.(NSNS)

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Dormant windmill to return to operation

Windmill to produce power again after year of inactivity

By Eli Koppel '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

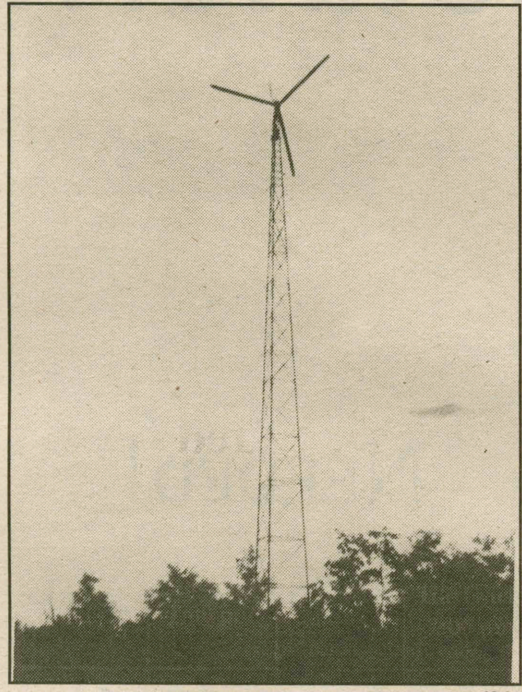
Many people have noticed a seemingly inoperable windmill outside Babbitt residence hall. Given as an unusual and interesting gift from the Class of 1991, the $40 thousand Jacobs Model Variable Speed Windmill has seen more problems than it has wind.

"It was supposed to supply $3,500 worth of power to Babbitt dorm, but after getting struck by lightning a year ago, there have been numerous delays in the repair.

The inverter, which is a key component of the windmill, was destroyed. "It transforms the DC power into AC power," said Steedman Bass, windmill coordinator for the Class of 1991.

Money played a contributing factor in the delays. Since the windmill's warrantee did not cover replacement of parts due to damage from a lightning storm, it was not the responsibility of the contractor to fix it without the proper monetary funds.

The contractor Ed Knott, who is owner of the Banner Town Power and Line commented, "The maintenance and warrantee are two separate things. Since the College has a $1 million deductible on insurance, it will be up to them to pay for the two thousand dollars it takes to replace the vital parts for the windmill to operate, especially the inverter."



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The windmill has not been in operation since it was struck by lightning a year ago.

Bass and the Physical Plant have finally coordinated the funds with the contractor to begin work on the renewal of the windmill. This will not just include the replacement of the damaged parts of the windmill, but also four years of periodic maintenance checks.

"It is an embarrassment for a lot of people. We've been doing the best we can to get the project off the ground again but ran into some coordination problems with the contractor," said Arthur Jewett, Director of the Physical Plant.

Soon the windmill may attain its original purpose of serving as a practical and educational tool for all students to enjoy. Bass optimistically predicted, "The windmill should be running by Parents' Weekend if all goes according to the plan."

Faculty views on grade inflation vary; agree problem must be addressed

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students, might make the faculty less subject to this pressure.

"Students are a very important source of evaluative information . . . but they are not in a position to determine other things," said Bradfield. "I think that both students and professors' peers on the faculty have different and important perspectives from which to provide evaluative information."

Of grades and graduate schools

One difficulty that could arise from curbing grade inflation, Bradfield noted, is the effect it could have on Hamilton students applying to graduate schools. Law schools, for example, place much emphasis on a student's numerical grade point average. Unless other colleges simultaneously work to curb grade inflation, Hamilton students could be at a comparative disadvantage when applying to graduate programs.

Bradfield added that though he is optimistic that problems like these can be overcome by the fact that Hamilton could be recognized as a more academically challenging institution by graduate schools. Class ranks, rather than grade point averages could come to play a larger role in admission decisions made by graduate schools.

Faculty acknowledge problem

"Grade inflation is not the number one problem we have in creating a vibrant, intellectual college," commented Professor of Government Frank Anechiarico. "It's too artificial to look just at grades."

He said that before a more rigorous grading system can be implemented, professors must be prepared to give their students additional feedback for work they submit.

Right now, Anechiarico suggested, some professors may use high grades as a substitute for this. "Any system of grading needs a good deal of interaction. Grades need to go along with more information. . . [t]hey need to be used as an incentive and not just an end product."

He said that various options including the possibility of peer grading by students should be considered. Another idea that some faculty members have suggested, he said, is the possibility of courses offered only on a pass/fail basis.

Sociology professor Gwendolyn Dordick said she was surprised to hear that the average grade was a B- when she began teaching at Hamilton last year. Of grade inflation she said, "We fight against it in the Sociology Department. We've made a commitment as a department to be more rigorous."

As a teaching assistant while in graduate school, Dordick said she learned firsthand of the pressure upon professors to give inflated grades. Students are less likely to confront a professor over high grades than low ones.

"My first semester here, I was afraid to fail people because I didn't know what the consequences would be, but now I'm not afraid," Dordick said.

Professor of Religion Heidi Ravven stated, "Hamilton students tend not to set high enough standards for themselves."

Agreeing with Bradfield, she added that some faculty members are too concerned with student opinions and need to have less tolerance for sloppy work. Faculty members need to take a stand on their own against grade inflation, she said, adding, "The problem must ultimately be solved by example."

News Briefs

--compiled by Eric Martin '97

Plans made for computer network on campus

The Hamilton College Board of Trustees will be meeting in October to authorize the construction of a computer network throughout the campus, including all buildings and residence halls.

Although the plan for networking has not been officially discussed among the trustees, it has already been given to contractors to bid on and has progressedthrough the initial design stages.

The estimated cost of the project will be between $2.5 million and $3 million and is expected to be completed a year from now.

Exhibition honors memory of college alumnus Philip W. Abell

Outstanding 19th and 20th century works of art donated to Hamilton College by alumnus Philip W. Abell will go on view at the Emerson Gallery beginning Friday, Sept. 23. The exhibition will run through Sunday, Nov. 6.

"A Discerning Eye: Philip W. Abell (1935-1993)" honors the memory of an astute collector and generous donor to the college. Included in the exhibition are prints by Milton Avery, Richard Diebenkorn, Sam Francis, Reginald Marsh, Robert Motherwell, Graham Sutherland, and Joan Sloan, as well as bronze scultpure by the 19th century French master Antoine Louis Bayre. Abell was a banker by profession, but art was his real passion. He spent hours prowling the museums and galleries of New York and the cities he visited on his frequent travels, developing a sharp eye for both quality and value and a profound knowledge of the market.

Abell was instrumental in building the college's holdings of modern art, both by donating some of the key works in that area and by alerting the gallery to bargains he would discover on his visits to dealers. Another major legacy is the Roehrick Lecture Fund, which Abell and his family established to support an annual lecture at Hamilton by a significant figure in the art world. In a final act of generosity, Abell bequeathed to the college his large collection of 19th century bronzes.

A 1957 graduate of Hamilton, Abell earned degrees from Stanford and Harvard universities, but remained devoted to his undergraduate alma mater. He was a past president of the Hamilton Alumni Association and a very active member of the Committee on the Visual Arts, an advisory and support group for the Emerson Gallery.

The Emerson Gallery is located on the first floor of the Christian A. Johnson Hall, directly behind the Hamilton College Chapel. Gallery hours are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.The exhibition is free and open to the public.

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Students try to adjust to new parking policy

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metermaids."

While Ingalls would very much like her officers not be required to have to spend so much time on parking, she states "It is important to enforce the parking policy, otherwise safety hazards are created." She also said "Faculty, staff and students should be sensitive to the rest of the community. If they are, we will have a safer environment and a better sense of community."

In addition, less time spent policing the parking lots means more time and manpower for "additional patrols in and around the residence halls and foot paths" according to Ingalls.

She stated "The majority of people are complying with the new [parking]policy. It will be better next year, as people get used to it and some changes are made." As with any new policy, there are problems to be worked out. A committee to evaluate the parking policy is currently being formed.

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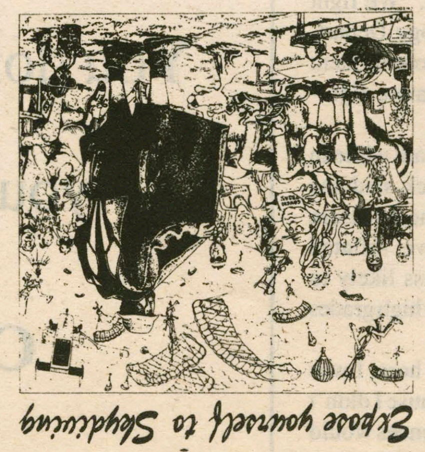

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FeaturesFocus

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Reaching out to America's past

By Emily Merkin '96
Special to Features

"We share the earth together,/ The air, the water, the sun, and the moon./ We do not fear the storms/ of rain or thunder or lightning./ We know they come and renew the/ Strength and power/ Of the spirit/ Within our bodies./ The power and strength which walk/ Upon the earth,/ All my brothers/ All my relations."- Audrey Shenandoah.

This summer, as an intern with the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, I learned about respect for a nation and a people. The internship was developed through the Native American Studies and Students Association (N.A.S.S.A.) here at Hamilton, and coordinated by the Religious Studies Department in association with Judy Cornelius at the Oneida Community Library in Wisconsin. Created as a cultural exchange and as an opportunity to experience the living traditions of a Native American community, the internship provided me with the means to learn respect for the earth, for others, and to learn about Native American issues in the Oneida community.

For six weeks Justine Broome (Hamilton, '95) and I lived and worked on the reservation. My focus was on traditional medicine, however I also worked at the Oneida Community Health Center, and with the arts program on the play Dustoff, by Oneida writer Bruce King.

Working at the Oneida Community Health Center presented me with the opportunity to work and interact with several female tribal members. I worked with the Community and Occupational Health Nurses, individuals that provide valuable services to the nation's members. I went on home visits with Community Health Nurses, and met several elders. It was an enlightening experience to hear about each of their lives, their experiences in government school, how they learned the traditions of the tribe, and to hear their commentary on how the Oneida language has changed since they were young. These wonderful people were more than willing to speak to me about culture and tradition.

I also worked in the Occupational Health office and learned about health issues for Native Americans in Oneida. I soon understood the dedication and hard work it takes to make progress in health services on the reservation due to cultural norms, and the bureaucratic system that tends to hinder progress.

The women I worked with in the Health Center have dedicated their lives to trying to make a difference in their community. As one nurse stated, "I have to love my people to be doing what I am doing. At times I feel as if there isn't enough support out there, especially for women and children. But it is hard to bring about change. All we can do is provide the support mechanisms, and hope people use them."

Researching and studying Oneida Traditional Medicine was an experience in itself that revealed to me the extent to which the Oneida culture is a dynamic, living tradition. I was lucky enough to work with Carol Elm, a local herbalist, and learn the medicinal characteristics of plants. She taught me how to treat certain ailments, and most importantly, how to respect the medicine the Great Mother has created.

Another herbalist I studied with thought me how to say thanks to the earth for the plants before I pick them, for it shows respect and makes the medicine stronger. I also learned the importance of leaving a gift in place of the plant I was taking, in return for the gift from the Earth Mother.

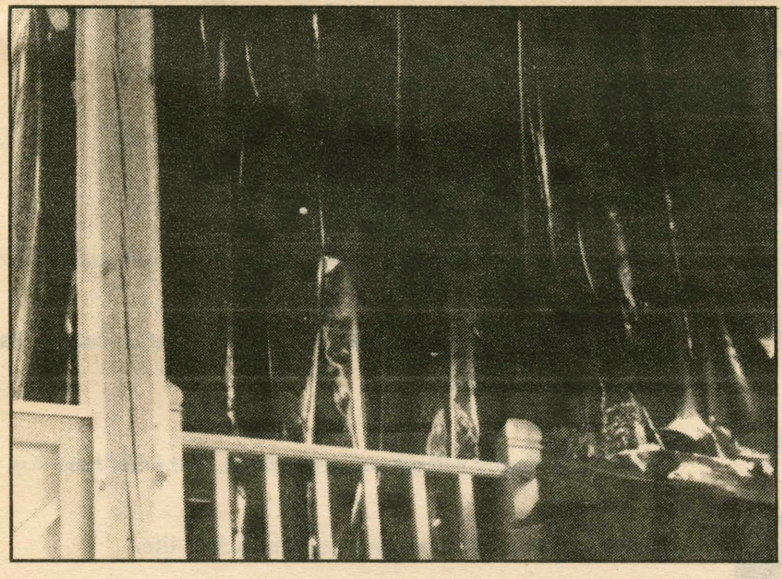
One of the thrills of being in the community was attending pow wows and bead-working classes. Pow wows are community events during which there is dancing and singing, as well as traditional foods, artwork and jewelry for sale. Some pow wows are contest pow wows, meaning people are competing for prizes and money in dancing and singing. Others are more traditional, which means that there is little or no money being offered.

Pow wows offer the non-native the opportunity to watch and experience traditional dancing in a way that cannot be experienced in pictures, on film, or in words. It is the collection of all the pow wow aspects, the drummers and singers in coordination with the dancers, that makes the experience what it is intended to be.

This year N.A.S.S.A. will be working to bring more experiences such as this to the Hamilton community. N.A.S.S.A. is a student-run organization comprised of a broad spectrum of members from the Hamilton community. Persons from all cultures are welcomed as members, for the organization works to foster diversity in the Hamilton student body, as well as promote acceptance and knowledge of Native American cultures. N.A.S.S.A. meets every Sunday in the E.L.S. library at nine-thirty p.m.

It is difficult for me to describe in a few words the extent to which this internship has changed my life. I can say, however, that the experience has greatly shifted the focus of my studies.

In all, this internship has allowed Hamilton's relations with the Oneidas to take a step forward. The Hamilton-Oneida Academy was created for the co-education of the Iroquois and non-natives; this internship, then, has allowed the cycle of knowledge and learning to come full circle. And for that, I give thanks.



Taking pictures of the South Side

By Erin Norton '98
Features Staff Writer

You're in the Beinecke Student Village. In front of you there's a sign, "WALK IN CAMERA." No, you haven't entered another dimension where cameras have grown to unproportionally large sizes. It's Hamilton College's own life size camera coordinated by Prof. Ella Gant, and Prof. George Raiche. Why would anyone want to build a giant working camera? It was the desire to create a piece of useful and purposeful artwork. This project, put to the students studying Art, Science,and the Photographic Image, is intended to help them gain a better understanding of how cameras work.

The class was divided in half. One half was asigned to design the camera. The other half to construct it. Made for Art/Chemistry 114, this camera projects a full color, full motion, image onto a screen inside a darkened room. The technique used to create the upside down image resembles the technique used by the retina of your own eye.

What do students think of this walk in camera? Said Ken Bateman of the class of 97', "It's a great idea!" Tom Sparico 98' says "It's so great! I want to have one in my room instead of my roomate Frank." (Well Tom, Frank probably wishes you were rooming with the camera too!)

All of these wonderful accolades tell you how great this camera must be. Check it out. It will be set up Thursday and Friday during the day. Experience it for yourself.

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FYI: Some commonly asked questions about Health Services

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

Periodically I would like to use FYI to answer questions about the Student Health Services or specific health–related issues. If you have questions, send them to me at the Health Center via campus mail. The following are some frequently asked questions about the Student Health Services.

"Why do you have to be seen by a nurse in order to get sudafed at the Health Center when you can just walk in a store and buy it?"

Even though sudafed is sold over the counter because it's a non-prescription drug, it is still a drug and like all drugs, alters your body in some ways. When you walk in a store and buy any OTC drug, hopefully you are reading the label to see if this drug will help your symptoms and that it is not contraindicated in any pre-existing medical conditions you may have. YOU are the one taking responsibility for deciding whether or not you should take this drug. The Health Center is not a drugstore. When one of the Nurses gives you a drug (prescription or OTC) they are advising you to take that drug for the symptoms you have. They assume responsibility to make sure this drug will help, not harm you. In order to safely do that, they need to check your health history. In the case of sudafed, your blood pressure will be checked because sudafed can raise your blood pressure and should not be taken if your blood pressure is already elevated.

"Does it cost anything to be treated at the Health Center?"

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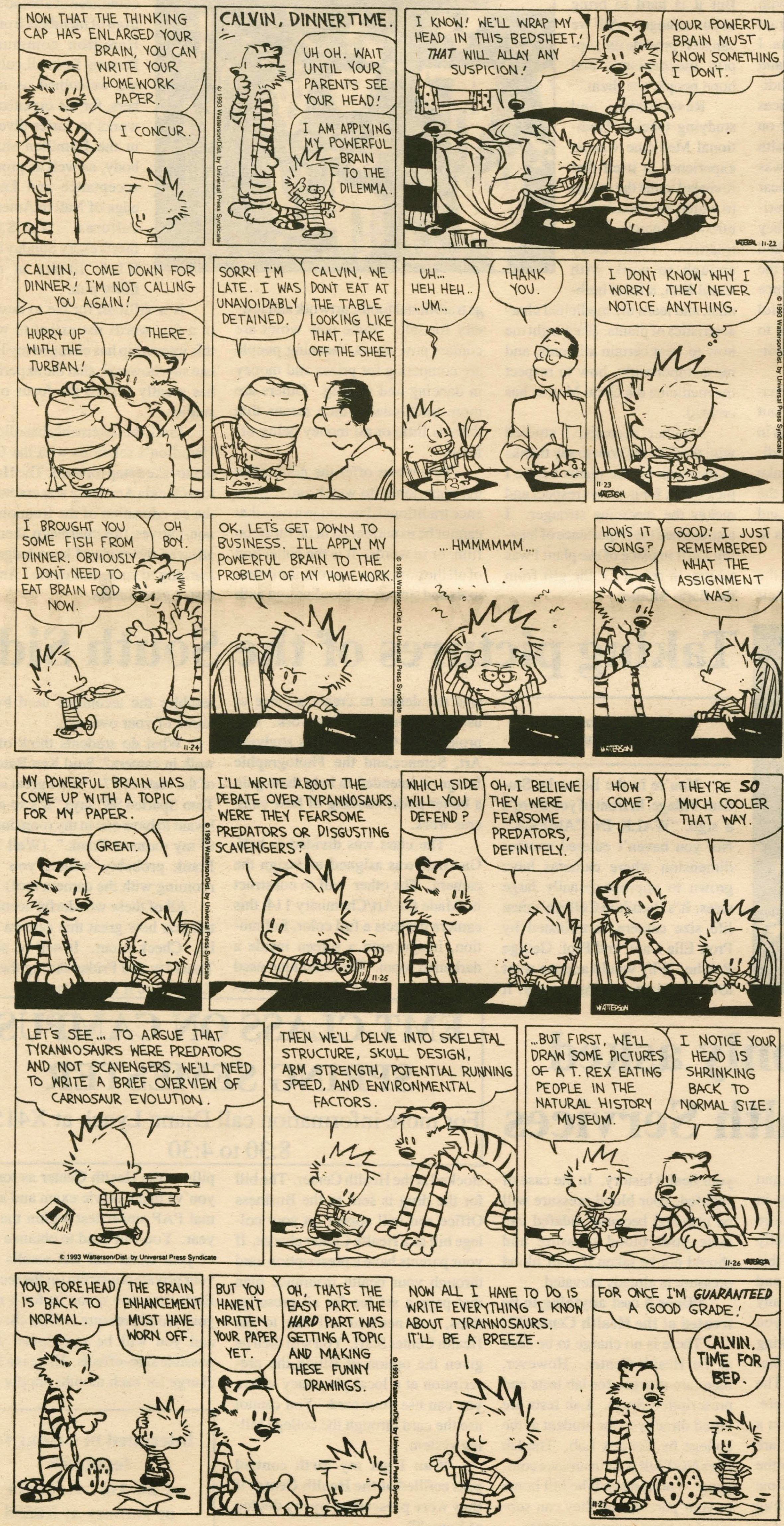

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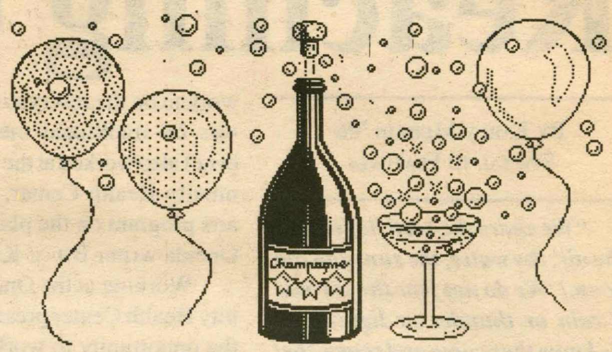

compiled by Marty Reichgott '95

"My roommates have decided that I'm married because I get abused and I'm not getting any."
-Jim D'Aleo '95: husband for the nineties.

"Hello...Hello...what the hell are you doing in my room?!"
-Mani Ahmed '96 after mistakenly calling his phone number from last year.

"My goal is to do underwear commercials."
-Sean Fisher '96. Marky Mark, Jim Palmer, Sean Fisher...One of these things is not like the other one...

"Sidney Wertimer is Geoffrey Chaucer."
-Professor Grossman commenting on Professor Wertimer's eloquence...or 200 year-old looks?

"...and I know he's not using me because he said the CUTEST things."
-Aonymous (aren't they always) first-year Kirkland resident after a Saturday night hook-up.

"You have to ask: Is it worth putting out for free food?"
-Chia Pearson '95 creating her own meal plan.

"South is now the substance-free, study dorm with quiet hours around the clock."
-RA Elisa Coons '96 missing what every first-year on campus has managed to hear about.

"A little ass-kissing will get you everywhere...but I don't ass-kiss, I bite it."
-Melissa Collins '95 expressing her approach to life.

This weeks special feature: **Mike Cavotta '95 calls 'em as he sees 'em**

Mikey on laundry:
"You know, I don't think I've ever used a washing machine at Hamilton. I just have enough underwear to go two months, and then I go home."

Mikey on Women:
"I don't go to parties much, but I know that girl doesn't go to Hamilton. Look at all of her hair...the best part is that only Joe and I think she's hot."

Mikey on the eating habits of some Hamilton students:
"Yeah, I had bread for lunch. It was a little chewy, but quite good."

Mike on Quotable Quotes:
"They should name that column Quotable Mike!"

Learning effective time management skills

Organizing study time and methods now will save future stress

By Mark Thompson
Peer Counseling Advisor

We're in the early stages of this new semester. Your professors may have shifted into a higher gear than last week. But, as the academic demands begin to build, you may still be "cutting yourself some slack" by putting off the start of that paper due a month from now, or cutting corners on all the reading for your survey course.

Maybe you've even missed a class because you failed to complete the assignment on time. After all, there's so much to do; you're reconnecting with friends after a summer apart, attending that great party, or getting back into shape for the upcoming season. Well, some of the habits you establish now can either help or hinder your efforts for the entire semester.

The common response of attempting to establish good time management skills once you feel overwhelmed is a little like closing the barn door once the horse is out. Too often, the best outcome we can hope for upon reaching that sinking feeling is to merely "get through." If this sounds like an all-too-familiar scenario, you probably also remember the sense of dissatisfaction that accompanies the "surviving" of such a semester. "I won't do that to myself again" may ring familiar in your ears. To state the obvious, the best time to deal with time management issues is early, before things get out of hand. To avoid that overwhelmed feeling come December, THIS is the time for effective time management.

Dr. Paul Grayson of Wesleyan University states, "no other environment— not high school beforehand or the conventional workplace or even graduate school afterwards—posesses quite the same challenging set of conditions as the undergraduate experience." (Smith and Smith, 1988.) He points to the combination of significant unstructured time and the typical lack of time management skills to account for this fact.

It's easy to waste time. We all do it. Some "excuses" for wasting time present themselves from outside ourselves, some from within. Visitors to our rooms can easily disrupt the best laid plans for completing work. The telephone call from your boyfriend, girlfriend, family member, or just about anyone almost always delays that trip to the library. The loud stereo down the hall, the nasty (and intriguing) roommate dispute in the room next door, or *Melrose Place* on the tube in the lounge can also keep us from the task at hand. Maybe our excuses are self-generated; a messy room, not having the necessary materials (books, assignment directions), or our tendency to procrastinate. Others may include being physically tired, a lack of interest in the project, or perfectionism.

Whatever your poison, knowing how you keep yourself from efficiently using time is the place to start. Smith & Smith (1988) suggest several ways to make good use of your time:

* Spend time on each subject every day (or at least every other day).

"Research on learning has shown that more learning occurs when a student studies one hour every day for five straight days rather than eight hours all on Saturday or Sunday." (p. 38)

* Study your most challenging courses during the day. We often feel relieved when the most difficult work is completed. This allows us to more easily move on to the less difficult work. And, we're generally more productive during the daytime hours.

* Use time between classes. If you have a free hour between your 9:00 and 11:00 classes, consider going to the library or a quiet lounge to read rather than the Village to meet friends for coffee.

* Spend study time reviewing your notes from class. This overlooked method of studying on a daily basis serves as one of the best ways for retaining material for that exam several weeks from now.

* Difficult reading should be tackled during the day or early evening. Plan for breaks. Since we know most people aren't able to fully concentrate for more 30 minute intervals (approximate), trying to sit for 2-3 hours at a time without some respite is unrealistic.

* Establishing a regular schedule for eating (nutritious) meals, sleeping (college students are notorious for sleep irregularities), and exercise keeps us prepared for more effective use of our time.

* Choose a place to work that's conducive to study/read/write. Your room may not be the ideal spot to write your term paper if the distractions are frequent and hard to resist. While your room may be suitable for "light" reading (is there such a thing anymore?), consider using the library or a vacant classroom when you have a substantial amount of work ahead.

* Don't overextend yourself. Once you've committed yourself to an excessive number of activities, it's often hard to pull back. Consider starting small and gradually adding activities until you have achieved a manageable balance between academics and activities.

* Schedule your time. Consider mapping out your week in advance. With 168 hours in the week, after subtracting sleep (8 hrs. /day)classes and the associated work (4 course schedule with 2 hrs.of homework for each 1 hour of class), meals (1 hr/meal, 3 meals per day), and music/theater/athletic practice (3 hrs./day for 6 days), you still have have 37 hours remaining to socialize, get dressed, bathe, listen to music, and watch TV.

In reviewing their actual use of time, many find they wast incredible numbers of hours on seemingly frivolous things. If you find yourself pushing this end of the spectrum, maybe scheduling some of your time is worth a try.

Will Rogers once said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." Now's the time for time management.

Source- Smith, Sandra & Smith, Christopher. The College Student's Health Guide. Westchester Publishing Co. Los Altos, CA. 1988.

Doc's preview of the new Al Ham Inn

By Doc Monroe '96
Restaurant Critic

Everyone knows where the Al Ham Inn is (right down there next to the firehouse in Clinton). Most know the story of how it was shut down because of ghosts. Well, I was there just Monday, and it seems the ghosts have pretty much chilled out. My drink only flew around the room once. I've got a whole bunch of gossip to share with you about the place, so let me get started.

First of all, I have to mention that right now, the Al Ham is not a fully working restaurant.. yet. They are open for lunch on the weekdays though, and if you want a light lunch with an ambiance conducive to conversation, I suggest you go.

For the time being, the menu is small. You can choose from a number of sandwiches and salads. It's a great place to sit and talk with friends, and the prices are **very** reasonable. I spoke with the owner who said he will expand the menu week by week, and as the cold hits, he'll be adding heartier fare. I had the club sandwich with a caesar salad on the side. Both were excellent.

Now, here comes the exciting news. The Inn will still have rooms upstairs for Parents' Weekend. Around that same time, the restaurant will open up. It will be called Pepper's and will serve southwestern cuisine. There are two bars. The one on the same level as the restaurant (Alexander's) will be a quiet jazzy type bar that will serve coffee (yes, they have an expresso machine) during the day, and will be the perfect place to sit and study in the afternoon.

At night it will function as a wine bar, and hopefully there will be live music. Downstairs, in what used to be Nell's Cellar, will be Hamilton's Pub. This bar will serve wings and beer. It has been totally refurbished in deep wood tones. There will be two TV's, equipped with close captioning, for watching all of the games.

The Mexican food chef for Pepper's hails from San Diego, and the American food will be prepared by a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. Pepper's hopes to add a healthy and fresh selection of cuisine to the area at a rather inexpensive price ($7-$15).

I suggest you go check the place out yourself for lunch. You might even be able to get the grand tour. I'm really excited about this new addition to the community. As for now, the grading should be considered incomplete, since the restaurant is. But, "I'll be back."

Food * * * *
Ambience (in two bars and a dining room) * * * *
Service * * * *
Value * * * * *

Any suggestions for restaurants to be reviewed would be appreciated. They can be sent to Doc Monroe through campus mail.

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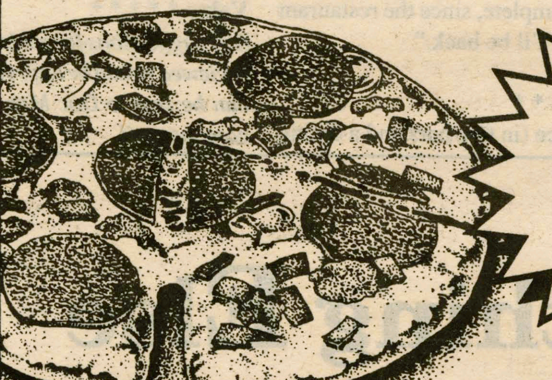

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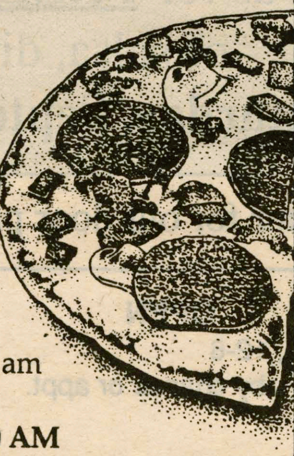

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Clinton's inconsistent Haiti policy on a collision course

This is part of a series of articles by the newly-formed Hamilton on Latin America(HOLA). Although this column is devoted to the opinions of HOLA members, it does not necesarily reflect the views of the organization as a whole.

Joshua Bratter

HOLA

The Clinton Administration's Haiti policy continues to be indecisive and drifting, reflecting the same kind of ineffectual diplomacy that it has displayed since taking office. The result of the White House's sitting on its hands is that the island nation is no closer to restoring democracy and constitutional rule than it was 35 months ago when President Bush conceived this ill-fated policy.

By relying on demonstrably inept U.N. diplomacy and other feeble regional initiatives, the U.S. policy continues to reflect the same shortcomings as its failed efforts in Bosnia, waging a war of words, and little else. This failure should have been anticipated in Washington due to the ruling junta's contemptuous rejection of six U.N. reconciliation attempts aimed at restoring Aristide to power. These breaches were particularly telling in light of the Haitian military triumvirate's initial promise of compliance. The de-facto regime has been stringing along the Bush and now the Clinton Administration for 3 years, because their experience has been that Washington's words are never backed up by action.

These continuous diplomatic setbacks should come as no surprise since holdover Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson, the original author of the Bush policy, is still directing Haitian efforts. Aronson's record on Haiti has been astonishingly non-productive. He has never publicly spoken about the Haitian military's involvement in narco-trafficking even though most country specialists insist that this is at the heart of the military's intransigence. Aronson has tolerated a pathetically porous international embargo which has hurt the poor but has been breathlessly outflanked by the country's tiny elite, who use their hoarded dollars to purchase contraband goods from the thriving black market in the neighboring Dominican Republic. His two most publically recognized achievements have been to architect the widely attacked interdiction and repatriation policy, and to twist Aristide's arm into agreeing to grant a total amnesty to an unregenerate military which has killed thousands of civilians including priests.

This persisting confrontation between the hemisphere's most powerful nation and it's weakest exposes Secretary of State Warren Christopher's initial erroneous retention of Aronson, further indicating that the Clinton Administration has yet to put its imprint on its Latin American policy. The diplomatic impasse also demonstrates that the Haiti strategy is based more on ignorance of the Latin American reality than the facts on the ground. This has been reconfirmed in recent months with Washington's stamp of approval on a fraudulent election in the Dominican Republic, and its concentration camp solution to the Cuban refugee crisis.

Since the September 1991 military coup, both the Bush and the Clinton administration have failed to propose and nurture realistic policies adequate to the job of alleviating growing despair in Haiti and resolving its political future. The U.S. has one clear cut policy that the U.S. has embraced—a proposed unconditional amnesty for the Haitian military responsible for more than 3500 murders of innocent civilians—legitimizes a policy of crime without punishment and represents a dramatic departure from its verbal commitment to aid efforts to an international order where delinquencies of such a grave magnitude are not tolerated.

As it stands, Washington's vision all along has been guided by the politically damning spectre of hordes of Haitian boat people descending on Florida shores. This preoccupation has locked the White House into trying to seek a solution that mainly would be accommodating to the ruling military regime, even if it would seriously weaken Aristide's authority once he was restored.

In refusing to realize that Haiti's army is too wedded to its multi-million dollar drug operation to even consider U.S. and international proposals to restore President Aristide to his elected office with his powers intact, Washington is merely setting the stage for another coup, even if the ousted president makes it to Port au Prince. While President Clinton admirably has supported Aristide's return to power all along, doubts have privately been voiced as to whether or not Aristide is mentally stable enough to preside over the nation, an interesting euphemism for Aristide's well-known leftist ideologies.

Until Clinton realizes that the Haitian military will not give up power to a barrage of threatening rhetoric, but only in the face of concrete actions that hurt its economic interests and weaken its authority will it see any reason to change its tactics. The most recent eleventh hour amnesty offer reflects a continuation of paper-tiger politics and only serves to further discredit the diplomatic integrity of the Clinton Administration. Now that Clinton has blundered his way into an imminent invasion, he must fulfill this unfortunate promise to the Haitian people in a face-saving effort to redeem his tattered reputation.

College life, Spelling Style

Ben Berkman

The *Spec*trum

The perception of college life by American popular culture has always been somewhat ambiguous. In the past, film and television was more apt to show college students partying than anything else. Indeed, who could ever forget John Belushi's Bluto Blutarsky (G.P.A. 0.0) immortalize the cry of "Toga! Toga!" Even though most of us were hardly old enough to read when *Animal House* was released, somehow the film remains as funny today as it was twenty years ago. Perhaps the film's continued success is a reflection of Landis's skill as a director or maybe it is because Americans savor any depiction of college life on television or the silver screen.

Fast forward to today. Every Wednesday evening millions of college students across the country huddle around their televisions to watch Fox's hit show, "Beverly Hills 90210". The show, which is beginning it's fifth season is now more popular than ever, most likely due to the fact that it's characters are finally in college. Yet, the college life that "90210" depicts could not be any further from the one exposed in *Animal House*. Instead of partying and throwing up, these students represent responsibility and commitment. Take Steve Sanders for example. Formerly the show's varsity slacker, Steve moved out of his fraternity house and into a dormitory in order to get more work done. Brandon Walsh, the show's most saccharine do-gooder, spent last season traveling the country on the California school board Chancelor's task force. Andrea Zuckerman works in a lab performing animal research. Both Walshs' live at home with their parents, presumably to stay out of trouble. I could go on for hours listing the golden deeds of all these characters. Thus the confusion. If most of us are nothing like these people, why do we find the show so entertaining? The answer lies in the fact that Spelling, the show's journey man producer, knows how to subtly inject as much smut as the censors will allow, while carefully maintaining a front as clean as Ivory Snow.

Enter Valerie, the show's latest and baddest character. Freshly imported from Buffalo, Valerie represents the id of the entire cast. In the conclusion of the season premiere, we watched openmouthed as Valerie savagely ripped the Walshes smug sweetness to shreds in a telephone conversation with a friend while calmly rolling a joint. What's the matter here? Last season we watched David Silver nearly self-destruct due to a crystal methane addiction. Last night, we were treated to Dylan McKay's relapse into alcoholism, which included a bawdy one night stand and tequila body shots with a cheap blonde named "Eberlee". Maybe, just maybe, Camp Beverly Hills is not as pure as we think. Although the stauach morality of the show often seems to outweigh any realism, this is actually not the case. If you watch the show carefully, the balance between good and evil is almost quid-pro-quo. While the show has very few actual villains, enough of the good guys fluctuate back and forth to keep things interesting.

As the show's success has proven, the portrayal of college by any sort of media will always appeal to many people. Be it Faber College or California University, your application to watch has been accepted.

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EDITORIAL

Enjoy the quiet, serene Hamilton lest it ends

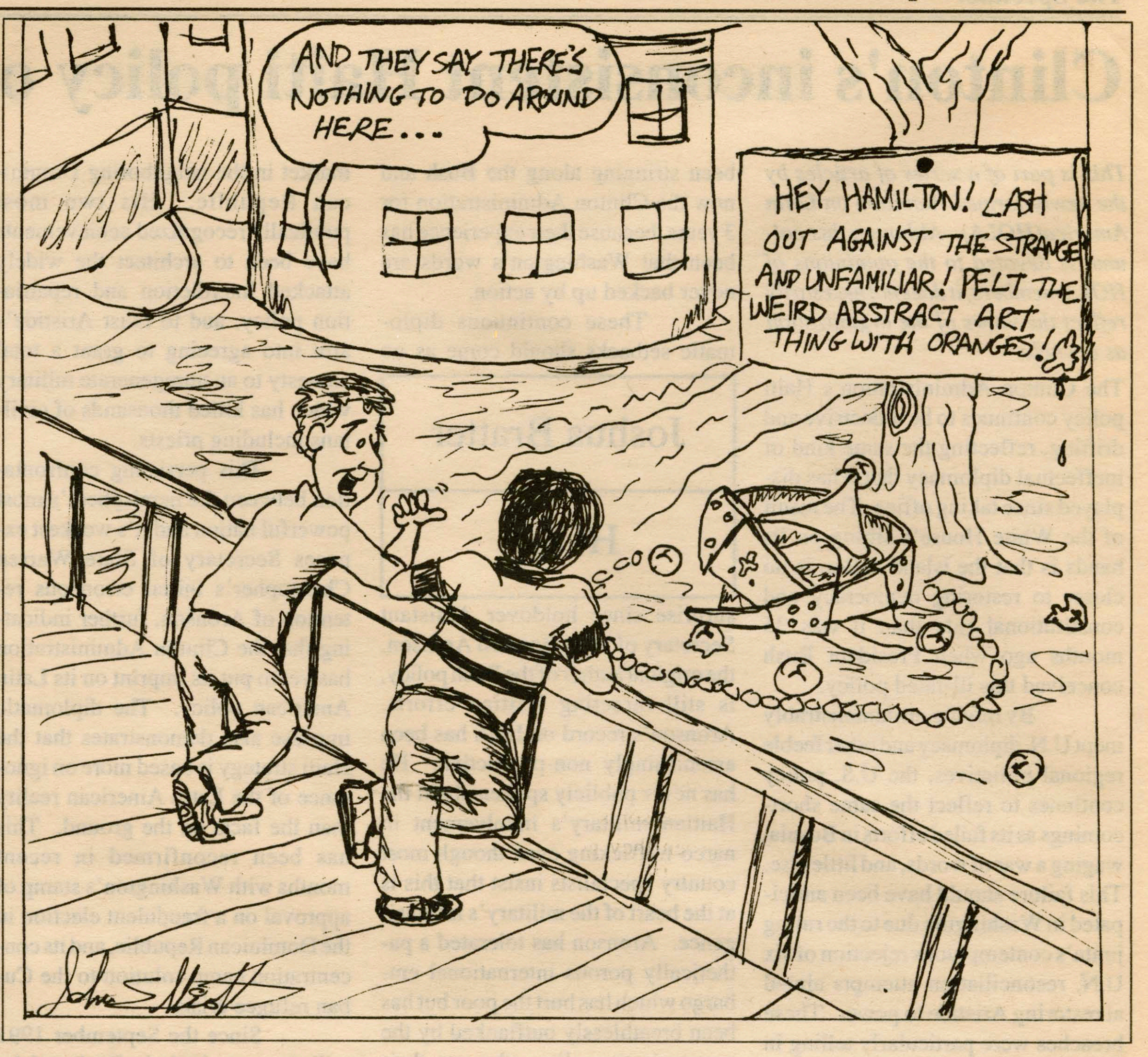
Thursday night, the editors of this fine newspaper sat around a table, eating our pizza, trying to figure out what to write in this week's editorial. Somebody brought up parking, until we realized that this particular subject has been discussed numerous times in this space. The Residential Life Survey was another popular topic, but there isn't going to be much to talk about for a couple of weeks. Alas, we were stuck on something to make the student body think.

At around midnight, the editor-in-chief sat at a keyboard, looking out the window, attempting to come up with a last minute masterpiece. He tried to think about everything that annoys him about the school, figuring this is as good as a chance as any to air them out.

Before he began to cry (figuratively, not literally), he realized something. There are not that many issues at the present time on this campus. People are generally happy, or at least not complaining as much yet (except for a certain, bitter few). We are either really content (for a change) or at least we are still ignorant enough that we can pretend we're happy. No matter how you may describe it, people here are just not complaining like they used to. Look at our letters to the editors. One complaint a week does not an unhappy campus make.

What does all this mean? Are we on the verge of a new utopia or are we just still getting used to our environment (classes, friends and all) before we start really whining? It probably is the latter. It's not a big deal, just a fact of life.

So, for all of you out there who are upset that it is so quiet on campus, take a little advice from *The Spectator*. Relax, enjoy the serenity. Take a walk while it is still warm. Look and see people actually smiling, looking as if they are happy to be here. Enjoy it while you can because soon enough we will all be miserable about something. It always happens.



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9. Millionaires in prison.
8. Drivers with turn signal perpetually on.
7. Las Vegas lounge acts.
6. Unregistered voters.
5. Frozen dinner enthusiasts.
4. Javelin catcher.
3. Someone in express checkout line with eleven items.
2. Chain-smoking gas station attendant.
1. Drug users.

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Attitudes

Harvard has nothing on Hamilton from one who's been there

Andrew Edelson

Dear Abbott

Many people are determined to believe that the US News College Ranking is THE ranking for colleges and universities. After all, they do a complete assessment of everything from library books per students to surveying each schools administration.

Realistically, though, are we really the 22nd best small liberal arts college? I think not. I am convinced that we are at least one of the ten best small liberal arts schools. In fact, I will even state that I would choose Hamilton College over Harvard University repeatedly.

There is always someone who complains about something at Hamilton, whether it be the food, the tuition, or the fact they live in Bundy. I, too, complained about the problems of Hamilton, but after this past summer, I have no more complaints.

I spent this past summer at Harvard Summer School. Why? I haven't quite figured that out yet. But while I was there, I became very confused as to why people would consider Harvard over Hamilton. Here are just some reasons why I love Hamilton and not Harvard. (For the record, I was never rejected from Harvard, nor did I apply).

Imagine this; you arrive at Hamilton as a first-year, and you decide to take Biology. The largest class enrollment is about 80-100 students, the professors know who your are, not to forget that a professor is teaching, not a TA. A similar student at Harvard enrolls in a similar Biology course. Not only do they need to use binoculars in order to see the professor, they rarely encounter the professor out of class. They sit in lecture halls with 400 other students, and this is one of four sections. That means that one professor is teaching 1600 students! Then they go to their TA, who is hired because of their ability to teach, to try to figure out what is going on.

This brings up another reason why Hamilton is better than Harvard. That same professor who is teaching that Intro. Biology to 1600 students is not at Harvard because of his teaching abilities; he is there because of his research abilities. Is Harvard is more interested in making money through research then opening a students mind?

At Hamilton, the professors are here because they can teach. They are not here to research; they have made their research secondary to teaching. And there are no unqualified students leading class discussions or labs.

This attitude of research versus teaching spans even further. Good luck if you want to meet with your Harvard professor. They are available two hours a week and by special appointment all arranged through their secretaries. At Hamilton, many professors give out their home phone numbers and love talking to students, frequently inviting them over for dinner and other social occasions. They're not just professors, unapproachable and intimidating. You see them at coffee houses, football games - all sorts of events. They are part of the Hamilton community.

People look at Hamilton and say its in the middle of nowhere. They are very astute - really. What they fail to realize that by being in the middle of nowhere, we have a developed a strong sense of community. There is always something to do on campus, whether it is a performance by Kukuruza or campus-wide parties. Harvard, on the other hand, has no sense of community. Beautiful Harvard is located in beautiful Cambridge. There is nothing to do on the actual campus during the weekends. They might have a theatrical performance, or a musical guest, but most of the student body is forced to migrate to Cambridge or Boston.

People also say that as a school of about 1700, Hamilton must become claustrophobic. I have yet to meet someone at Hamilton who feels cramped. Because there are only 1700 students here, students are more likely to get to know one another. At Harvard, many students contend that the Cambridge/Harvard environment is intimidating. They continue, stating that the friends that they make in the first few weeks are the same people they spend the rest of their four years with.

I could go on forever why Hamilton is better than Harvard. Many people will contest that Harvard has an outstanding reputation, and I will have to agree. But even though Hamilton is one small percentage of Harvard, Hamilton graduates share the same levels of success as Harvard graduates. Several college guidebooks call Hamilton the "secret of New York," and I think they're right. We have a near-perfect blend of all of the ingredients that makes the college experience a great experience.

By now, if you still don't think Hamilton is better than Harvard, you are probably wondering why I am writing this article. It is not because I didn't get into Harvard; I wouldn't want to go to a place where the academic environment is cut-throat. I am writing this article because even though I love Hamilton, I believe there are some issues to be addressed here at Hamilton. These issues, however, are not drastic problems, and they can be solved with relatively little pain. In each article following, I will discuss each of these concerns and possible solutions.

Student-teacher gap must be bridged

Bill Murphy

Dead Center

Many students do not realize that there is a residential life committee on campus composed of students and advised by Rebecca Reed. The reason that I bring this to the student body's attention is that all too often students say that there is nothing to do, or that Hamilton doesn't offer enough to the students. Well this group of students is dedicated to solving this problem and to ensuring that when students say there's nothing to do, it only an empty complaint and not a reality.

The most important project for these students this semester is bridging the gap between students and faculty. Often I tell others that the professors and students at Hamilton are very close, and I believe that is true on an academic level. However, I believe that many professors have gross misconceptions about students' social life.

For instance, when students complain about the walk from Bundy or the food in Commons, do professors know what their students are talking about? Do they even know where Bundy is? Do professors know why it's the "Dunham Zoo?" These are things which are not necessary for professors to know, but their ignorance is indicative of a greater problem.

Perhaps our teachers need not know where we live, but they should understand the scope of our extracurricular activities. They should know what we like and what we're interested in. In return, we could learn a lot from them outside of the classroom. Do we know their political viewpoints, do they know ours? Do they have stereotypes concerning what type of student does what type of activities or belong to which organizations? Do we?

I believe that probably forty percent of my Hamilton education has occurred outside the classroom. These were valuable lessons that are necessary and not available in most classes. Similarly, our professors have a lot to give, and, in some cases, a lot to learn, outside of classes. Many teachers I know (my parents being two of them) have often told me that they learn as much from their students as their students learn from them. I hope this is true, because learning, even for the most scholarly men and women, should never be stagnant.

Our professors need to stay in touch with our needs and beliefs, who we are, in order to be better instructors. If we, too, understood our professors on a variety of levels, and not just as teachers, our learning experience would be enhanced. In this way we can only better our Hamilton experience and the experience for others.

"Why did I bother to point all this out?", you might ask. Because in the coming months the members of the Residential life committee will be organizing a variety of faculty-student interactions, and I urge you to take advantage of them. If you don't, then you have little right to complain about there being nothing to do or that professors don't know what students want, need, or believe. If you do attend, you'll find yourself speaking to your professors, arguing with them, laughing with them. Maybe it will just give you something to do, and maybe it will help change Hamilton for the better.

Got a complaint? Feel strongly about anything?
Write for the *Attitudes* section of the *Spec*...
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September 20, 1994 4 P.M. KJ 107

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Extinctions: More than charismatic megafauna

Peter Kelly

Growing Impact

"The rare Crested Humpback Quetzelundi is being recklessly over exploited to provide us with its aphrodisiac fur and souvenir pet ivory."

This is the form that most calls for the prevention of extinction take. But actually over exploitation is the least important of the three human-related causes of extinction—destruction of habitats; introduction of competing, disease-causing, or predatory species; and over exploitation.

Anyone with a mailbox has heard the over exploitation story. but did you know that what has been called the single greatest botanical disaster in history was caused not by over exploitation, but by an introduced species? The chestnut blight, introduced from China, all but wiped out the American chestnut, once the dominant tree in deciduous forests in the eastern U.S. and an outstanding lumber tree. In fifty hears, 3.5 billion trees died; only 100 are left. Introduced species are more capricious than we realize, though the consequences are usually not so disastrous. Even the "kentucky" bluegrass in out lawns is an introduced species.

The effects of introduced species are often dramatic, but actually habitat destruction has always been responsible for most human-caused extinctions. In the past, there were relatively few human-caused extinctions in comparison to extinctions caused by natural processes. But in the Twentieth century, habitat destruction alone has caused more extinctions than all natural processes. The habitat-destruction extinction rate has been climbing steadily from about one species per year a century ago to around fifty-thousand extinctions per year—hundreds of times the rate of natural extinction and evolution. As we wipe out whole species, or lose potentially valuable genes in our quest for new high-yield crop varieties, we're dangerously diminishing the biodiversity of the Earth. Let's take just species diversity alone: in a few decades, one quarter of all current species could be extinct.

Well, so what? Who needs that most fragile one quarter of species?

Try an analogy: What if tomorrow's headline announced that one quarter of all elements are now "extinct"? Maybe you don't think much about molybdenum or protactinium or a couple dozen other elements, but like species, they make up the world as we know it. We lose elements or species, it's not just a loss for the laboratory. It is a loss of the world we depend on.

Many would say that destroying one quarter of all species is ethically wrong and that species have a right to exist. But even if we can't believe by any stretch of the imagination that a tiny beetle or an ugly fungus in South America has rights, there are selfish human reasons to protect species. We use countless species, and the survival of the ones we use is dependent on the survival of a large diversity of species.

What can we do? First, and plan to preserve species should focus on protecting rain forests. Rain forests are home to at least fifty percent of all species, and they do not grow back quickly because of innevitable nutrient depletion.

What about perserves? Rain forest preserves usually do not work for long periods of time. Fences and rangers require continuous funding and are ineffective because people are kept out against their will. Preserves should be viewed as something to guard land temporarily while better solutions are found and put in place. Three good long-term strategies are removing incentives to destroy the forest, introducing economic incentives to preserve it, and stabilizing population.

The first category includes stopping funding of inroads and dams. Inroads open up previously inaccessible areas, and dams flood rain forests. Dammed waters also fill in with silt quickly in rain forest areas.

The second category might be called "sustainable development." All this catchphrase means is sustainable uses of the forests for rubber, nuts and other products. This works only if it's done at a local level. Developed countries can harvest the rain forests' riches too, through so-called "chemical prospecting." Some drug companies are now seeking to avoid the conventional time-consuming process of making molecular computer models to design new drugs, and are sending chemical prospectors into rain forests to find new drugs. Madagascar's rosy periwinkle is the most commonly cited example of a fact, forty percent of U.S. prescription drugs were discovered in rain forests, and twenty-five percent are commercially derived from tropical plants. And ninety-nine percent of tropical plants are yet to be screened.

But without population stabilization, neither of these strategies will protect forests for long. The populations of countries with tropical forests tend to double a lot more quickly than the population of the world as a whole. Unless growth rates fall, the world's population will double in forty-one years, Brazil's population will double in only thirty-three years, and the populations of some countries with rain forests will double in as little as nineteen years. All of these people have to eat and work, so they cut down forest for croplands.

Individually, we can take obvious and not-so-obvious steps to help preserve rain forest. One obvious thing we always hear is that we shouldn't buy exotic bird pets. More importantly, we shouldn't buy tropical hardwoods (mahogany, teak, satinwood, rosewood, and liana)—at the least, seventeen trees are knocked down to get at each prize tree. A less obvious but far more important thing we do is to consume too much beef—just buying one fast-food hamburger causes directly or indirectly the destruction of one or more square meter of rain forest. We should buy cashew and Brazil nuts, which luckily, are impossible to harvest unsustainably. One final important step you can take is to be sure to recycle aluminum cans. Over half of our new aluminum comes to us thanks to rain forest area production and subsequent high-energy-intensive on-site smelting—meaning construction of more and bigger rain forest-flooding hydroelectric dams.

Saving elephants and snow leopards may be glamorous. Saving obscure rain forest species may save your life.

Student criticizes new parking system

Last Wednesday I was awakened by a telephone call at approximately 8:30 am. "Adeline," I heard, "dear you have to move your car!" As I slowly emerged from my deep sleep, the voice continued. "You have four tickets and if it's not moved within the hour we will tow."

Ah, now I realized what this voice was trying to tell me. You see I am in the "fortunate" situation of having a decal for the Sigma Phi parking lot (you know, that one near the library). However, the Sigma Phi lot is one of the most desired lots on the North side of campus, so spots are often unavailable. Other drivers tend to park their cars in the lot for a period of time, and then someone like me arrives to a completely full lot. As a result, I left my car in the Burke library lot until a spot opened up in Sig lot. However, After checking the lot three times in a period of two days, I was unable to locate a legal place to put my car. To make a long, annoyed story short, I ended up with four tickets on my car.

My question to the Hamilton College community is: **Wasn't the new parking policy intended to eliminate parking difficulties**? Since the inception of the new plan, I have often been left in the awkward situation of having no legal place at all to park on campus. If I moved to Dunham I am parking illegally, if I move to the field house I am parking in a lot not assigned to me. In short, the new parking policy has asked me to pay $50 for the privilege of being trackable when I get that inevitable parking ticket. I was abroad last year when this policy was formulated, and therefore had no ability to comment on an issue that is very important to me. So I simply assumed that the policy would work smoothly and I was excited to get a Sig lot space when I returned. But like several new programs on Campus, this one just doesn't work.

I am not certain of the best way to remedy the situation. Perhaps we need to number every space and assign one specific piece of land to each student. Or perhaps "prime lots" (i.e. Sigma Phi and Milbank) need to have at least one unassigned space. Campus Safety presently allocates one or more spots in the large lots to be left open for snow removal purposes, but perhaps an empty spot in Sig or Milbank would lead to fewer problems such as mine.

I don't know if anyone else has this problem, perhaps my friends are just humoring me. But the new parking policy is definitely something we need to evaluate and define in a more precise manner. Until then, **Can anyone tell me where I am supposed to park?**

Adeline Cook '95

Class of 1996

Meeting on
Sunday, September 18
4:00 pm
in the Events Barn.
Topics include-
Raising money for
Senior Week!!!

BE THERE!

The letter to the editor in last week's edition addressing the lack of credit for internships was written by Rob Carrigg '95. We regret and apologize for the omission.

Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

Doonesbury BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Personals

To My Sharona-

Keep on rockin' in the free world!

-Free Willy

Latex-

You make my heart sing for toothpaste. The cavities have gone down and the birth rate is up. So drink coke and live in harmony. For these days will only last until they are over.

-Your loving recycling bin

GSM-

Not all Jewish women are neurotic.

-AC

Vincent "Inconceivable" Vizzini-

You keep using that word. I don't think it means what you think it means.

-Inigo Montoya

Amy Hamlin and Mellissa Mc Pherson-

WELCOME TO HAMILTON! Go get drunk and hook-up!

-AC

To the yokel-

411 doesn't work here. I can't find your number after last weekends festivities. Please call me and we'll get together.

-The lovely one

ASLI-

You're such a sweety. Thanx

-Adeline

Jay-

Dump her!!

-208

Peaches-

Hello, beautiful: I'm so excited for you! You deserve the very best so make sure you don't settle for anything less. I love you. I miss you.

p.s. I ate moldy cheese!

-Muffin

To my little elf-

The cold is beggining to settle in. I miss not having that roaring fire, and furry dog to curl up to. Call me soon.... i miss you...and that wonderful little puppy.

-Love "The Eskimo"

Lady-

I feel like something very wonderful just walked back into my life, yes once again. I've missed you these past few days. Welcome back... I love you!

-Man

Mary-

Lets get ready to rage this weekend with GER and MJD. The boys are back in town!

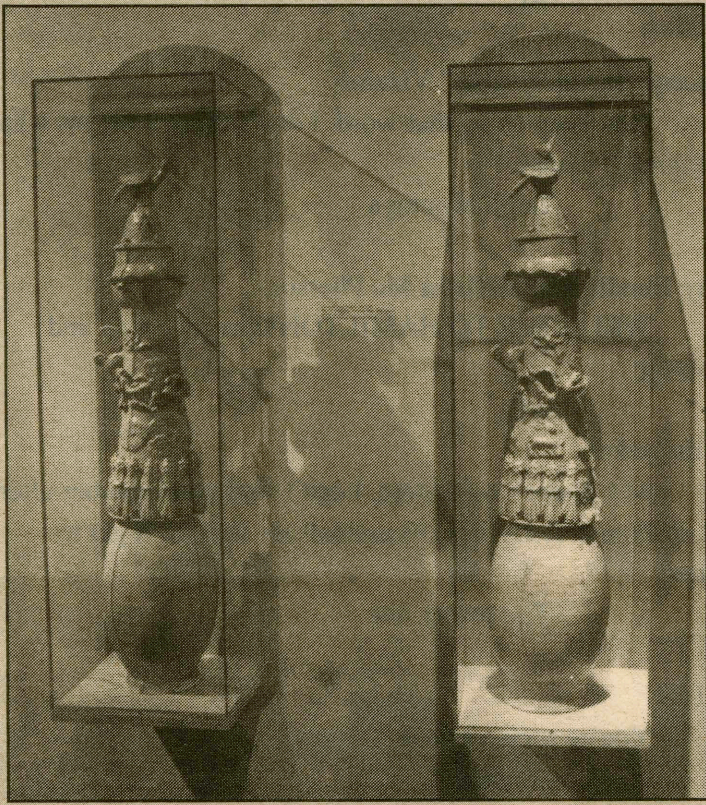
-Jane

Emerson Gallery Hosts "A Discerning Eye," Philip W. Abell '57 Memorial Exhibit

A 1957 graduate of Hamilton College, Philip W. Abell went on to earn degrees from Stanford and Harvard, but remained devoted to his undergraduate alma mater. He was a past president of the Hamilton Alumni Association and a very active member of the Committee on the Visual Arts, an advisory and support group for the Emerson Gallery.

Phil was a banker by profession, but art was his real passion. He spent many hours prowling the museums and galleries of New York and the cities he visited on his frequent travels, and developed a sharp eye for both quality and value and a profound knowledge of the market.

He was instrumental in building the College's holdings of modern art, both by donating some of the key works in that area (mostly works on paper) and by alerting the Gallery to bargains he would discover on his visits to dealers. Another major legacy is the Roehrick Lecture Fund, which he and his family established to support an annual lecture at Hamilton by a significant figure in the world of art. In a final act of generosity, Phil bequeathed to the College his large collection of nineteenth-century bronzes.



International Theatre Company and Avant-Garde American Director to visit Hamilton

The Hamilton Performing Arts Series (HPSA) will host noted American director Anne Bogart and The Saratoga International Theatre Institute (SITI) at Hamilton College, Monday, September 12, through Friday, September 16.

On Friday, September 16, at 8:30 p.m. in Wellin Hall, the SITI company will perform its newest work, *Small Lives/Big Dreams*. Directed by Bogart and derived from the five major plays of Anton Chekhov, *Small Lives/Big Dreams* is a dance-theatre work that asks, "Why should we remember the past? and What do we do with the past?"

Admission to Friday's concert is $13 for the general public and $4 for students. *Small Lives/Big Dreams* is the second performance in the five-part Hamilton Performing Arts Series. Tickets for the remaining performances (including *Small Lives/ Big Dreams*) can be obtained at the box office for $36 and $10, respectively.

Bogart has won two Obies for her work off-Broadway. She has directed in New York at The Public, Circle Rep and En Garde Arts, and around the country at Actors Theatre of Louisville, Boston's American Repertory Theatre, LaJolla Playhouse, Houston's Alley Theatre, and Hartford Stage. Recent works include *American Vaudeville, The Medium, Marathon Dancing, The Baltimore Waltz* and *In the Jungle of the Cities.*

Saratoga International Theatre Institute was founded in 1992 by Bogart, Tadashi Suzuki and producer P. Jennifer Dana to advance mutual support and communication among theatre artists around the world. SITI has three ongoing components: the creation of new work by gifted artists, the training and nurturing of young theatre artists, and the advancement of cross-cultural and cross-discipline theatre research. *Small Lives/Big Dreams* premiered in Japan earlier this year.

Also as part of their visit to Central New York, Bogart and the SITI company will present a lecture and demonstration of the Bogart and Suzuki actor training methods on Monday, September 12, at 4 p.m. in Wellin Hall. A reception will follow. Admission is free and open to the public.

Music Reviews Wanted!

Horoscopes for the week of September 16 - 22, 1994 by Cassandra of the Cosmos

EARTH

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
Lucky color: green-grey
Lucky numbers: 19, 2, 33
Take a walk and smell the coldness in the air. It may help clear your head when making that crucial decision that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. Don't let one little set back ruin your go-get-him attitude. Some advice - don't let Roma's break your bank account.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
Lucky color: aquamarine
Lucky numbers: 1, 14, 27
Go find yourself in the Glen. Buckle down - you've been too irresponsible lately. You need to start crackin' on your work before it's too late. Go dancing this weekend with someone you hardly know.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)
Lucky color: raspberry
Lucky numbers: 6, 24, 28
Organize your CDs and make a list of them in alphabetical order so that you know from now on who stole what. Rent a movie from Blockbuster tonight. Don't be surprised if that person you've had your eye on isn't responsive. Maybe next week.

AIR

Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
Lucky color: buff
Lucky numbers: 11, 34, 18
Patch up your jeans with the wholes in them. They still have a good year left of wearing in them. Apologize to the person you had the fight with two days ago. You were wrong. Have a party this weekend.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Lucky color: mauve
Lucky numbers: 3, 15, 31
Luck is with you this week! Call home and ask to have your funds replenished. You may be surprised by the outcome. Surprise a loved one by making them dinner Thursday night. Stock up on bagels today - you'll want them tomorrow.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)
Lucky color: sheer pink
Lucky numbers: 7, 26, 35
Let loose and sing at the top of your lungs in the shower. Go apple picking with some one you've been trying to impress. Stay in tonight - its going to be a rough one on you.

WATER

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Lucky color: sea green
Lucky numbers: 5, 12, 29
Wear something sexy on Wednesday. To liven up your room, paint your walls with purple polka dots. Write that paper two days before it is due because, trust me, you'll want to go out the night before it's due.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Lucky color: hunter green
Lucky numbers: 4, 21, 32
Return that library book that has been collecting dust under your bed. Play hard to get this weekend - it almost always works. Ask a close friend to help out with financial problems just for now.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Lucky color: lemon yellow
Lucky numbers: 9, 16, 25
Ignore the rumors about you - they're pretty silly anyways. Say no to peer pressure and do e-mail for an extra hour this week. Go home and make some chocolate chip cookies - they always do the trick.

FIRE

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
Lucky color: melon
Lucky numbers: 36, 10, 20
Play with some children today - their silly games will add a little humor to your day. Splurge and buy Coors Light instead of Old Millwakee. Send a rose to that special someone in your life.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Lucky color: peach
Lucky numbers: 13, 23, 30
You need to relax and rely on your confidence. You have eveything you need to get him/her, just strut your stuff. Pick up the phone on the second ring - it helps avoid those annoying hang-up callers. You will be making an important decision this week. Don't let others influence you - go out on your own on this one.

Leo (July 24 - Aug 23)
Lucky color: navy
Lucky numbers: 8, 22, 17
You need to kiss some one this weekend, just to get it out of your system. Pay up the money you owe. Start planning ahead for Halloween - your ideas for costumes will be the best.

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Arts&Entertainment

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An inside view of the Acoustic Coffeehouse

BY RUBÉN RIVERO '95
A&E EDITOR

Now that you enjoyed last week's Ellis Paul show, you might be wondering how he could ever come here. Along with other rising stars, he was the first singer to perform during this fall's Acoustic Coffeehouse Series.

In addition to Acoustic music, which can be grossly defined as contemporary, urban folk music, the Acoustic Coffeehouse presents some very lively rhythms in an intimate, café-style environment. It is a great opportunity for interaction between faculty, staff, students, and members of the Clinton community outside of class, who can enjoy lyrics beyond a mindless, commercial mainstream style. Many songs are political, social, topical, poetic or literary, performed by artists who usually do not play in college campuses, but are instead at their initial stage of recording with the big labels.

The next performance is coming on Friday, September 23rd., at 9 p.m., featuring Disappear Fear. All other performances will take place on Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., including Carol Noonan on October 13th, Ani Di Franco on October 27th and The Nudes on November 17th. Ani Di Franco returns to campus by popular demand after her unforgettable performance last spring. Ellis Paul was also here for a second equally successful time. For next semester, the Acoustic Coffeehouse is planning on bringing in all-new faces.

The performers are selected by members of the committee who have seen them live beforehand, and new names always come up from sources ranging from publications to word-to-mouth, tapes and CDs. They are always appealing for both rock and folk fans, since they usually cross such boundaries. Many get substantial radio airplay, twenty-somethings who have already hit major stages in Boston, New York, Washington, Atlanta, Portland (ME) and San Francisco.

The performances are usually on Thursdays or Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at the Filius Events Barn in Beinecke Village. Free hot drinks and a mug raffle from Clinton Pottery are offered.

If you are interested in working with the organizing committee board, contact Sam Koss x1836, Jess Klein x0059, or Gabe Unger x0507.

The Bird Sisters at KAC

The fall season of the Kirkland Art Center Coffeehouse will open with an all-female concert featuring The Bird Sisters, a trio of non-related "sisters" from Guelph, Ontario and, opening act, northcountry singer/songwriter Peggy Eyers, Friday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kirkland Art Center, located at East Park Row in Clinton.

Sue Smith, Tannis Slimmon and Jude Vadala are an acoustic folk trio who love what they do.

All three left full-time jobs to devote their collective energy to music, and now they focus on songwriting, recording and performing.

Impressive three-part harmonies, sometimes accompanied by just the snapping of their fingers are their specialty. Whether singing their version of an old favorite like Hoagy Carmichal and Johnny Mercer's "Skylark" or an upbeat original song, their performances have built them a solid group of fans throughout North America.

Their vocal styles span the spectrum of folk forms, from madrigals to country and from gospel to rhythm and blues, and they charm audiences with their gorgeous harmonies and stunning lead vocals.

This is their first visit to central New York and the KAC Coffeehouse.

They showcased last February at the North American Folk Alliance conference, toured across Canada and the U.S. this past year, performing at festivals and clubs, and are working on a third recording project.

Opening for the Bird Sisters is Peggy Eyers, known in the northcountry as "The First Lady of Adirondack Music." Over the years, she performed with several duos and a band in the folk/country/blues field, but since the release of her first album, "Determination," in 1990, she developed a solid following on her own.

Tickets for this show are $8 and can be purchased in advance. For tickets and information about this show or the fall coffeehouse series, contact the art center at 853-8871.

The KAC Coffeehouse, now in its 13th year, features acoustic music, bluegrass and more in a cabaret setting, amidst artwork displayed in the center's main gallery. Refreshments are available.

Adeline's Movietime by Adeline Cook '95

During this week's exciting excursion to Sangertown I observed actor Jim Carrey in his new movie "The Mask." One of the film's actors truly impressed me as possessing the qualities Hollywood seems to have forgotten in recent years: agility, grace, intelligence, skill and speed. In short, this actor possessed every characteristic of the perfect man. Which would be great except for the fact that the actor was a DOG. Frankly, I did not see Ace Ventura, Pet Detective (does this guy have a thing for pets or what?) so after this movie I can't see what made Carrey so popular.

The plot is quite simple. Boy feels depressed and unpopular. Boy falls in love with popular girl. Boy transforms himself into a stereotypical, arrogant male and gets girl (god knows why). Anyway, in the process, he finds a mask that is apparently possessed by an ancient god of mischief who gets him into all sorts of trouble. The film contained a few comical commentaries on Hollywood society and was in general very predictable. The special effects, however, were excellent. A sort of cross between "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and Claymation, I found them quite amusing and well-integrated into the film. The mask molds to Carrey's face and can easily transform him into any shape. For example, there is an expertly done dance scene where he and the Mask are together with the leading lady, a blonde-bombshell night club singer. The division between actual flesh and the special effects were almost indistinguishable.

The comedy was not my style, but then again, I'm the kind of person who enjoys Monty Python and James Belushi. It was a sort of very predictable slapstick that didn't really keep me on the edge of my seat. Anyway, it's not the type of movie I would recommend bringing a date to. But hey, if you liked "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "Ace Ventura" maybe you'd enjoy it.

**plot
****set/special effects
*acting
**overall

I guess you can check it out if you're really bored, but don't expect anything thrilling.

Today's German thought: "Schreien ist gut für das Leben-Prubieren Sie es!"

Soprano Julianne Baird to Open Music Series

The music at Hamilton Artists Series kicks off its 1994-95 season with a performance by soprano Julianne Baird on Saturday, September 17, at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall of the Schambach Center at Hamilton College.

Admission to Saturday's concert is $13 for the general public and $4 for students. Baird's performance is the first in the five-part Music at Hamilton Series. Tickets for all five concerts in the series can be purchased at the box office for $36 and $10, respectively.

Baird "has one of the most extraordinary voices in the service of early music that this generation has produced. More than that, she possesses a natural musicianship which engenders singing of extreme beauty," wrote the *Washington Star*.

During the past two seasons, Baird has performed Purcell songs and the *Wedding Cantata*, Gluck's *Orfeo*, concerts of Spanish and Hispanic music with Eliot Fiske, Bach's *B Minor Mass* and *St. Matthew's Passion*, Haendel's *L'Allegro ed il Pensoroso*, and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* with Christopher Hogwood. She has appeared recently at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall and the Proms in London, among other venues.

Academically, Baird has bachelor's and master's degrees from the Eastman School of Music, a Ph.D. in musicology from Stanford University, and has completed studies at the Mozarteum in Salzburg. She has taught at Princeton University, the New England Conservatory, the University of Toronto and currently is on the faculty at Rutgers University.

The *Oregonian* says, "She has perfect intonation, superb articulation, a joyous delivery and enough power to effortlessly fill the large sanctuary with pure, crystalline sound."

Karaoke

PUB NIGHT

Saturday, September 24
9:00pm to 1:00am
Bristol Campus Center

$2 cover
18 to enter/21 to imbibe
Positive ID required.

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Calendar & Movies

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16 *Friday*

17 *Saturday*

8:00 **MAHAS.** Julian Baird, soprano. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.

18 *Sunday*

11:30 **Community Church** (Protestant). Janna J. Roche,Chaplain. Root Glen (Rain site: Chapel)

1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

2:00 **Historical Tour of the College by William J. Ferguson.** Meet at the Chapel.

7:30 **Film:** Speed. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *$

19 *Monday*

10:00 **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.

20 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass**. Father John Croghan. Chapel.

4:15 **Presentation.** "Global Perspectives on Hunger." Karen Lensie. Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

5:30 **Chinese Table.** Room 104, McEwen

21 *Wednesday*

7:00 **Study in Spain.** Important informational meeting with Professor Jeremy Medina on the Hamilton College Academic Year in Spain. Video presentation included. Room 225, Christian A. Johnson Hall.

7:30 **Film and Discussion.** Sponsored by Hillel. Red Pit, Kirner-Johnson Building.

22 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

4:15 **Lecture.** "Tibet Revisited: A Journey Home." The Aye Lama Tulku and Jane Werner-Aye. Chemistry Auditorium.

8:00 **Lecture.** "Galapagos." Alberto Chavez, University of San Francisco de Quito. Science Auditorium.

Only you can prevent forest fires. That's right, you, the one wearing something from a catalog.

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Trial by Jury 1:15 7:20 9:50
The Next Katate Kid 1:05 7:10 9:40
Corina Corina 12:45 6:50 9:25
Natural Born Killers 12:50 7:00 10:00
Milk Money 12:40 6:45 9:20
Clear and Present Danger 12:35 6:35 9:35
Forest Gump 12:30 6:30 9:30
The Lion King 12:25 6:40 8:45
The Mask 7:05 9:45
Camp Nowhere 1:00

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

Forest Gump 6:30 9:15

Up Town 797-0020

Jurrassic Park 7:00 9:00
Camp Nowhere 7:00 9:45
True Lies 7:00 9:45

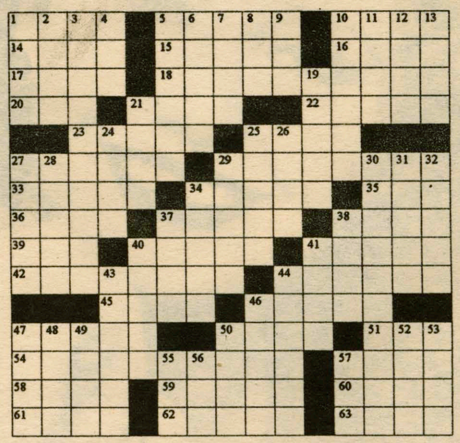
On Campus

Speed
Fri., Sun., @7:30
Sat@10:30

Matinees are for weekends only.
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Weekly Crossword

" Farewell 1993 " **By Gerry Frey**



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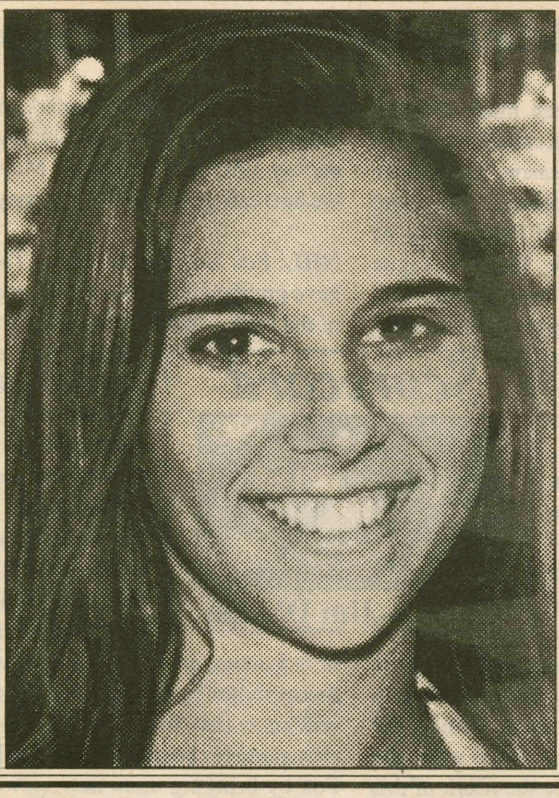


The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Melissa Hyner '97

Career Statistics:

Saves: 23 of 24

Sophomore field hockey goalkeeper Melissa Hyner turned in a spectacular performance against unbeaten William Smith on Saturday, September 10. Hyner allowed only one goal of the 24 that were sprayed at the net. In William Smith's previous games they beat three teams by a combined total of 17-0. Hyner was key in keeping the women in a game that they had lost 4-0 last year. Coach Bruce said, "I was one proud coach to see Melissa play with such confidence, control, and composure against a very talented team, William Smith." Congratulations Melissa, you are the *Garden Cafe's Athlete of the Week.*

The All New Garden Café Restaurant and Strider's Lounge, located at 354A Norton Avenue at the Corner of Route 5, guarantees good food and great times. The Café is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Mon, Thurs-Sun. Tuesday hours are 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Garden Cafe serves pizza, chicken wings, subs, and a late night breakfast. Hamilton students showing I.D. receive ten percent off at all times. Delivery (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) - Call 853-4571.

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week receives a free pizza with the works courtesy of The Garden Café and its owner Tony Urbanowitz.

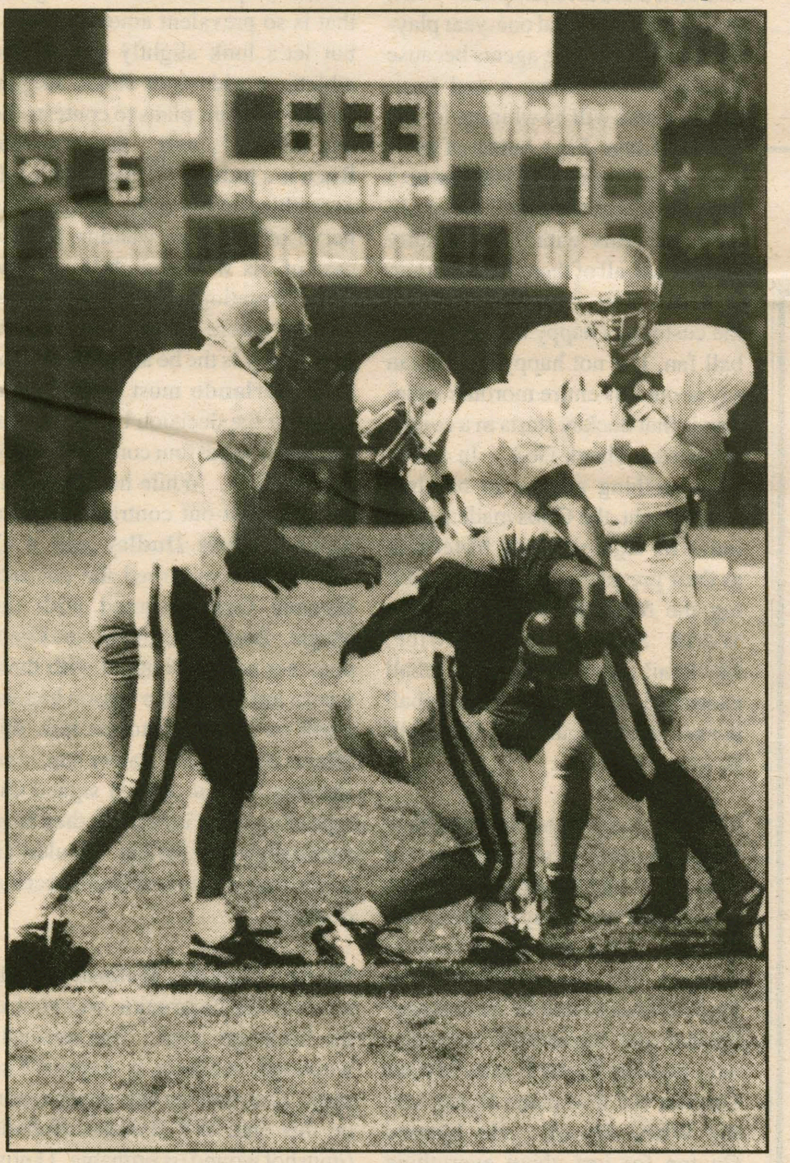
OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Tami Koch

Tami Koch led the Continental women, ranked 8th in the region in the first NCAA Division III New York Coaches Poll, to an impressive victory over the 6th ranked University of Rochester. Koch turned in a time of 19:30.3 over the 3.05 mile course to lead all other runners. Hamilton took six of the top seven places in the meet. Way to go, Tami!

PHOTO BY ALICIA WHITE DAVIS

Football prepares for scrimmage at home against Amherst on Sept. 17.



Men's soccer-- Seeking its first win

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Continentals, who played an admirable game in net. He saved a potential goal with 18:45 remaining in the game, and had a solid first half.

The Continentials had plenty of opportunities to score. Midfielder Devin Sullivan '96 took a phenomenal shot with 22:45 remaining in the first half. The ball had the speed and the elevation, but Union's goalie timed it perfectly to catch the ball. Forward Baran Tekkora '96 took two consecutive shots at the mid-point of the second half. One was blocked and the other went over the net.

This loss came three days after a promising 1-1 scrimmage with Wesleyan. Coach von Schiller remarked that the Wesleyan game was an "excellent workout. We made some mistakes, but [I was] overall happy about the game." Coach von Schiller feels that if the team stays healthy, he will have a good team.

Captain Kai Peterson '95 stated that "the team had the same intensity level as Saturday. The gameplan was to play aggressively." Peterson also added that there have been strong practices in the early going. "We are more prepared for the games." Returning players who will need to contribute more than ever are tri-Captain & Sweeper Terence Olcott '95, Forward Marc Campbell '96, and Goalie Alex Henning '95.

The Hamilton Continentials **need** to be more prepared for this season. The Continentals went a solid 6-5-3 in 1993, but they will have their work cut out for them this year. Coach von Schiller said that "Over past years we have started off against the toughest part of the schedule." Hamilton will face such soccer powerhouses as Williams (the #2 Div. III team in the nation last year), Clarkson (#3), and Rochester University (#12) during the next few weeks.

Is there any pressure playing at home as opposed to away? "Most teams play better at home," replied Coach von Schiller. The Continentals will play Williams this Saturday, September 17th, at Love Field. Hopefully Coach von Schiller's philosophy applies to this important game.

By Katie Scovin '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

It was a wet and dreary day for Hamilton's women's soccer team, literally and figuratively. The Continentals fell to Oswego 4-2.

But, there is a ray of sunlight in this all too bleak picture. The women in blue put up an excellent fight with fantastic ball control and passing. Unfourtanetly it was all on their end of the field. The Continentals were plagued by numerous close calls including several missed crosses in front of the goal.

The goalpost saw some action when Christina Robeson's '97 direct kick went off the post only to be rebounded back to the post number 15 Jen Judson '95.

The game got started with eleven minutes left in the second period when Christie Kisner '96 scored the first Continental goal. Momentum kicked in and Judson scored a second goal just ten seconds later. Unfortunately, the sudden surge was not enough to overcome Oswego's 4-0 lead.

The Continentals will next be seen batting Russell Sage September 21, at 4:30 pm, on the Hill.

Please join us for a general information meeting about the

Hamilton College Academic Year in Spain

Spring, 1995, Year or Fall, 1995-1996

with Professor Jeremy Medina, General Director

Question and Answer Period and a 10-minute Video Presentation

Location: Room 225 in Christian Johnson

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 1994

Time: 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

SpectatorSports

This Week in Hamilton Sports

Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Soccer		Williams 1:30 pm				Nazareth 4:00 pm	
Women's Tennis	Union 3:30 pm	Skidmore 11:00 am		LeMoyne 4:00 pm			
Women's Soccer		Skidmore 11:00 am		Union 4:00 pm		Russell Sage 4:30 pm	
Men's Golf			Middlebury 1:00 pm			Skidmore 10:00 am	
Field Hockey		Skidmore 1:00pm	Vassar 2:00 pm			Rochester 4:00 pm	
Volleyball			Oneonta 1:00 pm		Hartwick 7:00 pm		
X-Country		Union 12:00 pm					

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Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester, and will be entitled to all the perks therein; namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially- Selected Sporting Events	Mills Chapman *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 7-4 To date: 12-11	Jim D'Aleo *Spectator Editor-in-Chief* Last Week: 4-7 To date: 11-12	Zach Thomas *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 4-7 To date: 12-11	Devon LaDelfa *Varsity Slacker Sophomore* Last week's guest Beverly Low 9-2	Katie Scovin *Nominal Guest Sophomore* Last week's guest Josh Ribner 8-3
NFL					
Minnesota at Chicago 9\16	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Green Bay at Philadelphia 9/16	Philadelphia	Green Bay	Philadelphia	Green Bay	Green Bay
NY Jets at Miami 9/16	Miami	NY Jets	Miami	Miami	Miami
San Diego at Seattle 9/16	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
New England at Cincinnati 9/16	New England	New England	New England	New England	Cinncinati
Kansas City at Atlanta 9/16	Atlanta	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City
NCAA					
UCLA at Nebraska 9/15	Nebraska	Nebraska	Huskers	Nebraska	Nebraska
Wisconsin at Colorado 9/15	Colorado	Wisconsin	Colorado	Colorado	Wisconsin
Florida at Tennessee 9/15	Florida	Tennessee	Florida	Florida	Florida
Rutgers at Syracuse 9/15	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Rutgers
Tulsa at Wyoming 9/15	Tulsa	Tulsa	Wyoming	Wyoming	Wyoming
Hawaii at California 9/15	California	California	Hawaii	California	California

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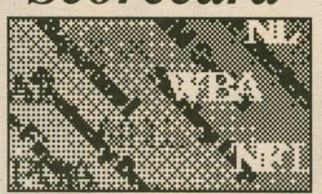
MLB officially cancelled the '94 season

Scorecard



---Jim D'Aleo

MLB: It has been made official; baseball has been cancelled for the rest of the 1994 season. In response to this announcement, President Clinton has stated that it may be time to remove Major League Baseball's antitrust exemption, which basically gives them the ability to do what they want. The owners, in their infinite wisdom, wrote in their resolution that they are cancelling the season and playoffs in order to protect the integrity of the game. I just have to ask what they were smoking in those meeting rooms. Protect the integrity of game! From what, the fans. That will be the result of this little escapade, no one will care about baseball when it starts. And another thing, the owners will be wishing they hadn't done this when they lose their antitrust exemption. When the draft is killed and one-year players can become free agents because baseball has become a real business, owners will be whining for the good old days For a bunch of business people, the baseball owners have the IQs of the stones they built their stadiums with. If stupidity was illegal, all of these losers would be in jail. You are supposed to keep the customers happy and as a baseball fan, I'm not happy. All I can say about this entire moronic situation is that hockey starts in a couple of weeks. Thank God... In a time when nothing anyone in baseball does is right, the **Cubs** made a great move by signing **Andy MacPhail** as their president and CEO. Building the **Minnesota Twins** into a World Series winner twice, MacPhail is one of the top baseball executives in the game. If baseball is ever played again, the Cubs will be in good shape...

NFL: Can anyone tell me how **New England** could score 70 points and be 0-2? No **Bill Parcells** team has ever scored that many points in two games. Who would have ever thought that the problem on a Parcells team would be the defense? On that note, I think NBC commentator **Beasley Reese** blames **Myron Guyton** for that plane flying into the White House. He blamed Guyton for just about everything else... **Tampa Bay** players expressed relief that the team was not going to be sold. While I'm glad that they have some civic pride, you have to wonder what exactly is going on when the Bucs only drew 36,631 for their home opener. Even the worst NFL teams can draw more than that on any given day... The NFL players made a little money this week, at least those who were playing in 1987. The National Labor Relations Board ordered the NFL to pay the players $30 million in interest and back salary for locking the players out for one game in 1987. I think we should all keep this is mind when the NHL owners consider a lockout or the baseball owners say 1995 is in jeopardy. Maybe the fans can get some of this money...

NHL: Fox has done it again. They have grabbed the rights to five years of the NHL. Sharing the rights with ESPN, Fox is expected to lose $60 million on the deal. Those who look at the profits or losses of this contract are totally missing the point. Being the network broadcasting hockey gives Fox even more credibility than before. People will know that they are in the television game for keeps. This deal helps Fox by bringing them new viewers and helps the NHL by putting them on a network that is in the cutting edge of sports broadcasting...

NBA: People talk about the greed that is so prevalent among athletes, but let's look slightly outside the athletic world. Inez Ritch, **Reggie Lewis**' mother, plans to contests the late All-Pro's will. It seems that Ritch is a little upset that Reggie left everything to his wife. Imagine the nerve of this guy wanting to take care of his wife and child after he died. Situations like this make you wonder where athletes get the idea that money is the be all and end all of life... **Orlando** must really be annoyed at the decision by the federal judge looking at four contracts voided by the NBA. While he upheld the one year opt-out contracts of **Toni Kukoc**, **Chris Dudley** and **A.C. Green**, he overturned the contract **Horace Grant** signed with the Magic. Basically, that means Grant does not have a contract with three weeks left before the season begins. I will be interested to see how this affects the Magic's salary cap, considering the reason they signed this type of contract is because they have no money under the cap. Wouldn't it be a kicker if they lost Grant because of this?...

NCAA: Brendan Holbein, a wide receiver for **Nebraska**, was shot in the back last week. Not seriously wounded, Holbein is expected to play. Can you see the injury report on this one: WR Brendan Holbein (gunshot wound) is probable. I know it wasn't that bad a wound, but I think if you get shot, you have the right to take a week off...

MISCELLANEOUS: Andre Agassi continued his hot streak and won the US Open in straight sets over Michael Stich. No surprise there, he will probably never get on such a streak again... **Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario** surprised everyone by beating a hurt **Steffi Graf**. Not only did she win the match, but she did it after losing the first set 6-1. The funny thing is that Graf is so far ahead in the rankings, she is still number one by a lot...

Field Hockey takes an unfortunate loss but the team is on the rise

By Andrew Cooley '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Every fall when students begin classes, a group of Hamilton women begin their work. Their work consists of running, passing, shooting, and slashing. I'm describing the rigorous workouts of the Hamilton women's field hockey team. Their hard work has paid off for the team and for head coach Betsy Bruce, who is in her ninth year as the head coach at Hamilton. Heading into this weekend, theContinentals own a record of 1-1, which of course they will try to improve when they battle Skidmore, and when they return home to Love Field on Saturday at 2 p.m. against Vasser.

Although their record is only .500, the team has had what head coach Betsy Bruce calls "A great start!" The team began the year with a four day trip to Stowe, VT where they conducted tryouts and got a sneak preview of what their team would play likein tougher matches down the road. The trip reached its climax with a lengthy stop at the Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory. Upset that they could not stay all night at the factory, the team returned back to good ole' Clinton, NY, ready for their home opener last Saturday against William Smith College. For all of the girls the trip was a time to bond with their teammates without the distractions which can be found on campus.

For those of our loyal readers who are unfamiliar with field hockey, William Smith College has one of the best women's field hockey teams in the country. Two years ago they won the national championship. Last year they were unable to repeat as national champions, but they made it to the final 8 in the country. Last season the Continentals were beaten badly by William Smith, by a score of 4-0. Remembering their mistakes of a year ago, the good guys battled tooth and nail, unfortunately only to lose 1-0. While unable to really get the offense working, the Lady Continentals tried to play a defense minded game, as goalie Melissa Hyner turned in her best performance as a Continental yet. Hyner stopped 24 of the 25 shots she faced.

With only two days of rest between games, a weary but ready Hamilton team loaded their gear on their bus and headed to Union for a game last Tuesday. Head coach Betsy Bruce called this game, "The most exciting game in my coaching career!" With 9:00 left in the game Union broke a scoreless tie with what some people would have called a "lucky goal." The Continentals refusal to give up was obviously wearing down the Union team when, to the joy of the Hamilton team, the Union goalie made a costly play on the ball. The Union netminder managed to lodge the ball between her leg and arm. In field hockey, for those of you who are not familiar with the rules, this is an unacceptable play which gave the Continentals their chance to tie up the game. With 5:54 left in the game, Karen Werkhoven delivered what every Hamilton player, coach, and manager wanted to see, a goal from the penalty shot. With this shot of adrenaline, the Continentals began to completely overpower the Union team, and with 2:23 left in the game tri-captain Libby MacCartney passed the ball to Tucker Pierson who wrapped up the game for the Continentals with a beautiful goal. With their first win of the season behind them, the Continentals have no reason to look back now.

The Continental team is very balanced this year. There is tremendous leadership throughout the team starting right at the top with head coach Betsy Bruce. Bruce is in her seventeenth year of coaching field hockey, and is in her ninth season at Hamilton. Her goal this year is to make the state tournament which would guarantee the team at least three more games. Bruce said that this goal is attainable if every player continues to work hard and keep up their great attitudes. Assistant coach Liz Freer brings tremendous credentials as a field hockey player. As well as being in her fourth year at Hamilton, Freer was an All-American at Cortland College in 1988, and is now a science and math teacher in a middle school about forty minutes away from Hamilton. Besides having great coaching, this year the Continentals are expected to play well this year. The tri-captains, Hadley Longsteth, Libby MacCartney, and Jeannine Reynolds are expected not only to play well, but more importantly to keep the team moral high throughout thre strenous season. One person who conttinues to stand out is Melissa Hyner, the Continental star goalie. In the two games this year, Hyner has faced 40 shots and has only yielded 2 goals. Maybe the Continentals will not win the National Championship this year, the Hamilton women's field hockey squad is certainly on the rise.

The Continentals will face-off against Skidmore in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, September 19, at 1:00 pm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Profanity along the sideline whether among yourselves yet loud enough to disturb other spectators or directed at any player is absolutel inapproriate as well as in very poor taste.

C'mon Hamilton community. Come out to contests and events, support your friends and colleagues, have fun, but please show some class! Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Betsy L. Bruce
Head Field Hockey Coach

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SpectatorSports

September 16, 1994

Club Sports are an added dimension to Hamilton's athletics

By Jeremy McKittrick '96
DISC ENTHUSIAST

To some, ultimate frisbee (referred to by players as "disc") is a chance to compete, and to others it is simply a chance to have fun. To all who play, however, it is an obsession. Almost any player will speak of disc as different from any other sport, both in play and, more importantly, in attitude.

Disc is played on a field similar to that of football. The object is to throw the disc to a teammate in the endzone. The rules are simple and easy to learn, and anyone can learn them in a matter of minutes. Unlike other sports, however, there is never any sort of referee to enforce these rules, even in national and world competitions. The players' themselves call the entire game.

Although self-refereed games may seem like a ludicrous proposition, especially at heightened levels of competition, it is made possible by a concept called SOTG. SOTG is the acronym for Spirit of the Game, which is, without a doubt, the attitude that separates disc from other sports. SOTG means that players are not concerned primarily with winning or losing, but with fair play and enjoyment of the game itself. Any player, no matter how skilled, must adopt this attitude in order to truly become part of the game.

SOTG is certainly the primary concern with the Hamilton disc club, known as Taz. Every player on the field, no matter what their skill level may be, can be guaranteed of a good time when playing with Taz. It is one of the few activities at Hamilton that brings all walks of student life together. Whether seniors or first-years, off campus or on, independent or society member, man or woman, all are welcome at any time.

Although Taz certainly isn't *exactly* intense, this doesn't mean that the players don't give one hundred percent. In practice and in tournaments, Taz players can be seen playing their hardest, usually diving all over the place and subjecting themselves to all sorts of physical punishment. However, the concern is not necessarily winning, but attempting to play the game to perfection. At its best, disc is an immensely graceful sport, full of motion and fluidity, and every player wants to achieve this perfection, not to win, but for the sake of the game itself. Says Noah Tannen '95, "It's sort of a Zen thing". When a player makes a diving catch (lays out) in the endzone, the importance lies in the skill and perfection of the play, not in whose team scores (although it's always nice if it's yours).

Taz plays in both the fall and spring, competing in tournaments with other schools from around the area. Last year Taz played about ten different schools, and won at least half as many games. Anyone is welcome to play with the team, even those with no experience. Taz is looking forward to another great year of camaraderie, competition, and, most importantly, fun.

Taz is not, however, the only club sport. The more sadistic students might choose to play rugby. Scrums may not be your cup of tea, but it is rumored that the team both plays hard and parties hard. Whatever your choice is, get involved.

PHOTO BY ALICIA WHITE DAVIS — **Ultimate Disc is a prevailing sport on the club sport circuit**

Men's soccer falls to Union and awaits an even tougher Williams

By Mark Granovsky
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

If one took a snapshot of Love Field at 3:30 PM on September 13, 1994, it would have been perfect. The Hamilton Continentals were opening their season against the archrival Union Dutchmen. The weather was beautiful, and the crowd was strong for a Tuesday afternoon. At 5:15 PM, it began to rain; the crowd fled for shelter; and Hamilton trailed Union 1-0. Nature was not supposed to allow this to happen. Union also defeated Hamilton in Schenectady last year by a score of 2-0.

This was a heartbreaking loss for the Hamilton club. The only difference in the game was a goal by Union forward (5) Jeremy Liebhoff with 17:30 remaining in the game. The ball was only inches out of the reach of Alex Henning '95, keeper for the

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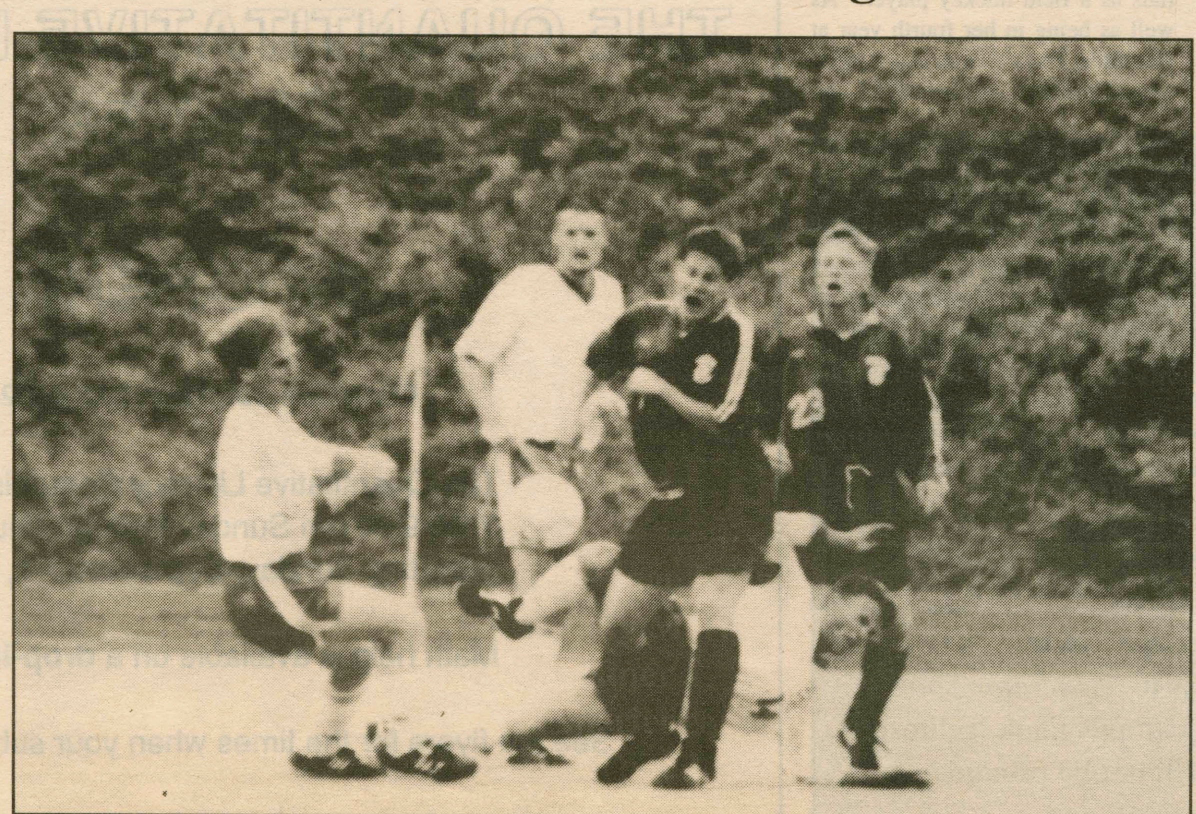

PHOTO BY ALICIA WHITE DAVIS — **Men's soccer hopes to rebound from its first game loss**

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Volleyball	2-1
Women's Tennis	1-2
Golf	8-12
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Men's Soccer	0-1
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Women's X-country	1-0

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